

Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton speaks at a rally in Las Vegas. The State Department was among the worst agencies at protecting its computer networks while Clinton was secretary from 2009 to 2013, a situation that continued to deteriorate as John Kerry took office and Russian hackers breached the department's email system, according to independent audits and interviews.

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## As Clinton Used Home Email, State's Networks Failed

**KEN DILANIAN**

**AP Intelligence Writer**

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—Hillary Rodham Clinton, the front-runner for the Democratic presidential nomination, has come under fierce criticism for doing business over personal email while U.S. secretary of state, putting sensitive data at risk of being hacked. But her communications may not have been any more secure had she used a State Department email address, judging by years of independent audits that excoriated the department over poor cyber security on Clinton's watch.

The State Department's unclassified email system was breached by hackers linked to Russia last year who stole an unspecified number of emails. The hackers hit a department that was among the worst agencies in the federal government at protecting its computer networks while Clinton was secretary from 2009 to 2013, a situation that continued to deteriorate as John Kerry took office, according to independent audits and interviews.

The State Department's compliance with federal cybersecurity standards was below average when Clinton took over but grew worse in each year of her tenure, according to an annual report card compiled by the White House based on audits by agency watchdogs. Network security continued to slip after Kerry replaced Clinton in February 2013, and remains

substandard, according to the State Department inspector general.

In each year from 2011 to 2014, the State Department's poor cybersecurity was identified by the

White House ranking that puts them behind most other government agencies. Senior department officials in charge of cybersecurity would speak only on condition of anonymity. "We have a strong cybersecurity program, successfully defeating almost 100 percent of the 4 billion attempted intrusions we experience each year," spokesman Mark Toner said.

Two successive inspectors

general haven't seen it that way. In December 2013, IG Steve Linick issued a "management alert" warning top State Department officials that their repeated failure to correct cyberse-

curity holes was putting the department's data at risk. Based on an audit by Linick, State scored a 42 out of 100 on the federal government's latest cybersecurity report card, earning far lower marks than the Office of Personnel Management, which suffered a devastating breach last year. State Department officials complain the grades are subjective.

The hack from Russia was so deep that State's email

system had to be cut off from the Internet in March while experts worked to eliminate the infestation. Clinton approved significant increases in the State Department's information technology budgets while she was secretary, but senior State Department officials say she did not spend much time on the department's cyber vulnerabilities. Her emails show she was aware of State's technological shortcomings, but was focused more on diplomacy.

Clinton's campaign staff did not respond to repeated and detailed requests for comment.

Emails released by the State Department from her private server show Clinton and her top aides viewed the department's information technology systems as substandard and worked to avoid them.

"State's technology is so antiquated that NO ONE uses a State-issued laptop and even high officials routinely end up using their home email accounts to be able to get their work done quickly and effectively," top Clinton aide Ann-Marie Slaughter wrote in an email to Clinton on June 3, 2011.

Under Clinton and Kerry, the State Department's networks were a ripe target for foreign intelligence services, current and former government officials say, echoing the situation at OPM, which last year saw sensitive personnel data on 21 million people stolen by hackers linked to China. □



**In this photo, the sign used as the backdrop for press briefings at the U.S. Department of State is seen before a news conference at the State Department in Washington. The State Department was among the worst agencies in the federal government at protecting its computer networks while Hillary Rodham Clinton was secretary from 2009 to 2013, a situation that continued to deteriorate as John Kerry took office and Russian hackers breached the department's email system, according to independent audits and interviews.**

(AP Photo/Charles Dharapak)

inspector general as a "significant deficiency" that put the department's information at risk. The latest assessment is due to be published in a few weeks.

Clinton has apologized for her use of a private email server for official business while she was secretary of state. The FBI is investigating whether her home server was breached.

State Department officials don't dispute the compliance shortcomings iden-

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## Obama administration says China not manipulating currency

**MARTIN CRUTSINGER**  
**AP Economics Writer**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The Obama administration said Monday that China's currency remains undervalued in relation to the U.S. dollar but it did not cite the country for unfairly manipulating its currency to gain trade advantages.

In a new Treasury Department report, the administration noted that China sent global markets

plunging in August with a surprise devaluation of the yuan. Since then, China's currency, also known as the renminbi, has fallen 2.3 percent against the dollar.

Treasury said it will be important going forward for China to allow its currency to again rise in value against the dollar when market forces dictate such a move.

The report, which Treasury

is required by law to submit to Congress twice a year, did not charge any country with unfair currency manipulation. Such a designation could ultimately lead to trade sanctions.

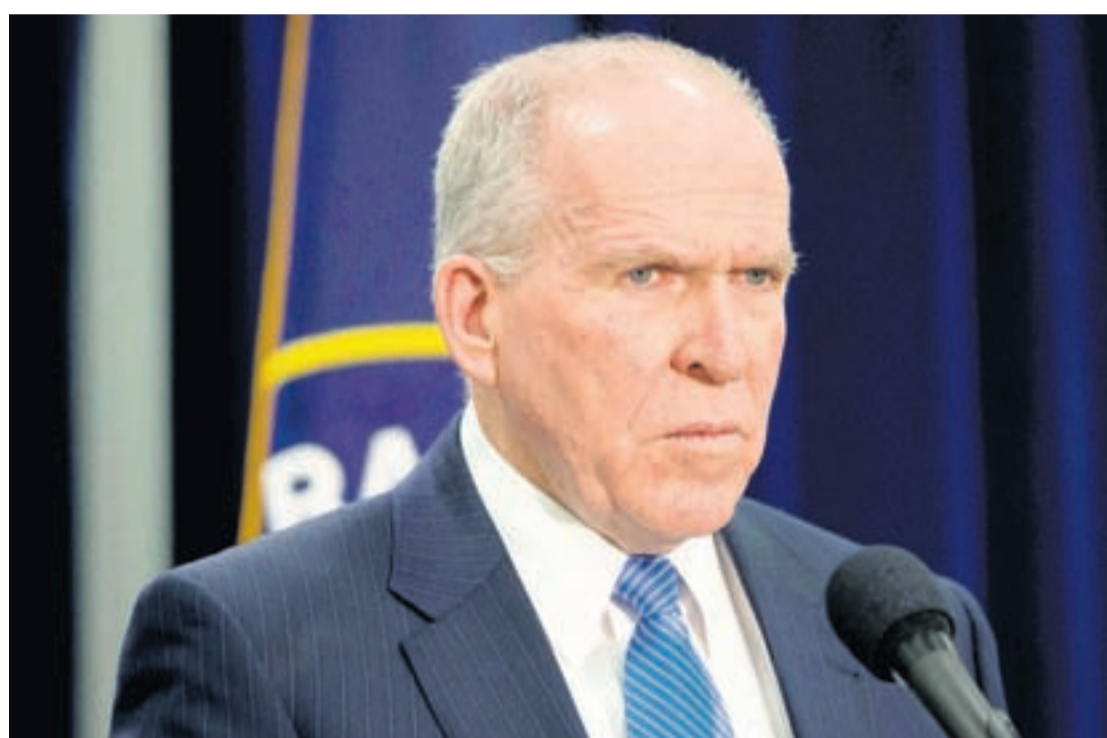
Treasury's latest report stood in contrast to the previous report in April and several before that in which the administration said it believed that China's currency was "significantly undervalued." In the

new report, the administration softened its language to say that China's currency "remains below its appropriate medium-term valuation." American manufacturing companies complain that China is still manipulating its currency to gain trade advantages and their supporters in Congress have pushed the administration to take a tougher stand. They are closely watching to see

what type of guarantees the administration was able to negotiate in the recently completed 12-nation Trans-Pacific Partnership trade agreement.

In an interview before the report was released, Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew said that there was still room for China's currency to appreciate once the country gets past some of its immediate economic problems. □

## Hacker claims to have breached CIA director's personal email



**CIA Director John Brennan listens during a news conference at CIA headquarters in Langley, Va. An anonymous hacker claims to have breached CIA Director John Brennan's personal email account and has posted documents online, including a list of email addresses purportedly from Brennan's contact file.**

(AP Photo/Pablo Martinez Monsivais)

**KEN DILANIAN**  
**AP Intelligence Writer**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — An anonymous hacker claims to have breached CIA Director John Brennan's personal email account and has posted documents on-

line, including a list of email addresses purportedly from Brennan's contact file.

The CIA said it referred the matter to the proper authorities, but would not comment further.

The hacker spoke to the

New York Post, which described him in an article published Sunday as "a stoner high school student," motivated by his opposition to U.S. foreign policy and support for Palestinians. His Twitter account, @phphax,

includes links to files that he says are Brennan's contact list, a log of phone calls by then-CIA deputy director Avril Haines, and other documents.

The Post said he didn't reveal his name or where he lived. The hacker also claimed to have breached a Comcast account belonging to Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson, and released what appeared to be personal information. One document purporting to come from Brennan's AOL email account contains a spreadsheet of people, including senior intelligence officials, along with their pension identification numbers, although the hacker redacted the numbers in the version he posted on Twitter.

It's unclear why Brennan would have stored such a document in his private email account. Based on the titles, the document appears to date from 2009 or before. When people visit the White House and

other secure facilities, they are required to supply their Social Security numbers. Brennan could have been forwarding a list of invitees to the White House when he was President Barack Obama's counter terrorism adviser, the job he held before he became CIA director in 2013.

Security experts advise people not to email personal identification numbers, and some companies have software that automatically blocks an email if it detects characters in the format of these numbers.

The hacker told the Post he had obtained a 47-page version of Brennan's application for a security clearance, known as an SF86. That document — millions of which were stolen from the federal personnel office last year by hackers linked to China — contains detailed information about past jobs, foreign contacts, finances and other sensitive personal details. □

## Waiting for Biden: Impatience about 2016 takes chaotic turn

**JOSH LEDERMAN**  
**Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — He's running! He's about to decide! He'll announce within two days! He's maybe, possibly, surely, definitely going to figure it out really, really soon!

No shortage of people made assertive declarations Monday about whether Joe Biden is going to run for president. Biden's delays have increasingly

put Democrats on edge, eager to know whether he'll challenge front-runner Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Monday's flood of purported revelations reverberated throughout the political world, but there was just one problem: None of it came from Biden's lips.

Months in to his painfully drawn-out deliberations, the vice president continued his public silence. Yet several individuals familiar

with his decision-making disputed claims that an announcement was imminent. No surprise: the individuals weren't authorized to comment publicly and demanded anonymity.

Their protestations did little to curb rampant speculation at the White House, in Congress and on cable television. Even President Barack Obama, after a meeting on global warming, was asked about his

deputy.

"We're talking about climate change, guys," Obama replied. After all, he said pointedly, the climate meeting was merely about "the survival of the planet."

White House press secretary Josh Earnest spent much of his daily briefing fielding unconventional questions aimed at yielding something — anything — about Biden's decision. Does he

look like he's about to run? Is he agonizing over the decision?

"I'm not going to stand here and assess the vice president's body language," Earnest said.

One House of Representatives Democrat claimed inside knowledge. Congressman Brendan Boyle wrote on Twitter that he has "very good source close to Joe that tells me VP Biden will run for Prez." □



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# Student arrested for homemade clock visits White House

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Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Ahmed Mohamed, the Texas teenager arrested after a homemade clock he brought to school was mistaken for a bomb, capped a whirlwind month with a visit to the White House on Monday.

Ahmed got a personal invitation from President Barack Obama for "Astronomy Night." The president uses the event to encourage students to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Last month, Ahmed brought the clock to his school to show a teacher, but another teacher thought it could be a bomb. The school contacted police, who ultimately chose not to charge Ahmed with having a hoax bomb, though he was suspended from school.

Obama subsequently Tweeted an invitation to Ahmed and said the U.S. should inspire more kids like him to enjoy science.

Ahmed said he was grateful for the president's sup-

port and said he's OK with the nickname that so many have given him over the past few weeks — "clock kid." He said the lesson of his experience is: "Don't judge a person by the way they look. Always judge them by their heart." Ahmed's family is looking at several options for a new school. He hopes to eventually go to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and become an engineer. Before the White House event, he got to tour labs at the National Institute of Standards and Technology. The White House invitation has brought some backlash. Republican presidential candidate Ted Cruz complained that Obama didn't give law enforcement officials the same respect he's giving Ahmed. White House spokesman Josh Earnest said Monday the president has made clear in many settings the respect he has for law enforcement officers.

Earnest said several hundred people will attend the astronomy event, so he doubted there would be any one-on-one meeting



Ahmed Mohamed, the 14-year-old who was arrested at MacArthur High School in Irving, Texas for allegedly bringing a hoax bomb to school, speaks during an interview with the Associated Press, Monday, Oct. 19, 2015, in Washington. Mohamed is in Washington for a visit to the White House for White House Astronomy Night.

(AP Photo/Andrew Harnik)

between the president and Ahmed.

The students visiting the South Lawn of the White

House on Monday night will get the chance to explore samples of rocks from the moon, Mars and various

meteorites. They will also meet with astronauts and peer at the planets and stars from telescopes. □

## Secure treatment, probation for US teen in school plot case

WASECA, Minnesota (AP)

— A teenager with autism spectrum disorder who told authorities he was planning a massacre at a school in Minnesota was sentenced Monday to up to 10 years of probation, which will begin with treatment at a secure facility.

John LaDue, 18, was sentenced in Waseca County District Court on one count of possessing an explosive device. LaDue earlier pleaded guilty to the charge, and five other similar counts were dropped.

LaDue will serve five to 10 years of probation, including an unspecified amount of time at a secure treatment facility for autism spectrum disorder patients, the Star Tribune reported. He will eventually move to a halfway house and then supervision.

In giving the sentence, Judge Joseph Chase reflected on the fear caused in the community because of the crime, LaDue's diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder and the need for reintegration when LaDue

returns, The Free Press of Mankato reported.

"The Waseca community likely has a role to play in minimizing the risk of danger in the future," Chase said.

LaDue was 17 when authorities say he plotted an attack at Waseca Junior-Senior High School. In April 2014, a witness called police after she saw LaDue enter a storage locker. Police found him with bomb-making materials, and he told authorities that he planned to shoot his fam-

ily then go to the school, kill the school's police liaison officer, then kill as many of his fellow students as possible by setting off bombs and shooting them in the ensuing confusion.

He directed police to an extensive handwritten journal detailing his plans and admitted setting off incendiary devices around Waseca.

Both Waseca County Attorney Brenda Miller and Stephen Ferrazzano from the public defender's office said they were satisfied with

the sentence and LaDue's placement at Devereux Georgia in Georgia.

LaDue declined to say anything before the judge sentenced him.

He initially was charged as a juvenile with attempted murder and eight other counts including damage to property and possession of a bomb by someone under 18. But the attempted murder and property-damage charges were dismissed, and a judge later certified him to stand trial as an adult. □

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## Aging gangster accused of 'Goodfellas' heist goes on trial



In this Jan. 23, 2014 file photo, FBI agents flank Vincent Asaro as they escort the reputed mobster from FBI offices in New York. More than 30 years after one of the largest cash robberies in U.S. history, the now 80-year-old Asaro will stand trial in New York for helping to plan the heist that became immortalized in the Martin Scorsese mob movie "Goodfellas."

(Charles Eckert/Newsday, via AP, File)

**TOM HAYS**  
**Associated Press**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — An aging gangster went on trial Monday on charges he was in on the \$6 million Lufthansa holdup in 1978, a legendary theft dramatized in the hit film "Goodfellas."

The brazen armed robbery of cash and jewelry in the dead of night at a cargo terminal at Kennedy Airport was "the score of all scores"

for Vincent Asaro and other mobsters of his generation, Assistant U.S. Attorney Lindsay Gerdes said in opening statements in federal court in Brooklyn. Asaro, 80, teamed with heist mastermind, the late James "Jimmy the Gent" Burke — played by Robert De Niro in the 1990 Martin Scorsese film — "because he knew Burke was someone he could make money with,"

Gerdes said. "Jimmy Burke and Vincent Asaro were true partners in crime."

The prosecutor told jurors — who had been asked on questionnaires if they had seen "Goodfellas" — that Asaro became a real-life member of the Bonanno organized crime family in the 1970s, following in the footsteps of his father and grandfather. She also said he has the mob slogan

"death without dishonor" tattooed on forearm.

"For him, the Mafia was literally the family business," she said. "The defendant is a gangster through and through."

Defense attorney Diane Ferrone countered by accusing the government of relying on the testimony of untrustworthy turncoat mobsters, including Asaro's cousin, Gaspare Valenti. She labeled the cousin a con artist who became a paid government informant in the late 2000s and agreed to wear a wire to record their conversations. "You shouldn't believe him because his latest con victim is the United States government," Ferrone said.

On Valenti and other government witnesses, she said, "When necessary, they lie to each other and they lie to save themselves. ... Once a liar, always a liar." Unlike Burke, Asaro was an obscure member of the Bonannos with low-level mob-related convictions before his arrest last year. He became the latest mobster to fall prey to a breach in the Mafia's once-sacred code of silence that has decimated the ranks of New York's five Italian crime families.

The first witness, former Bonanno underboss Salva-

tore Vitale, gave the jury the rules of La Cosa Nostra including an important one he had broken: "If you meet with law enforcement, we have the right to kill you."

Vitale testified how he was involved in 11 payback killings, and how he grew disillusioned after he was ordered to rub out a friend for being disrespectful to a higher-up.

"I was just tired of the life," he said. "I was tired of the killing."

Vitale testified that after the Lufthansa robbery, he saw Asaro deliver an attack case to Asaro's then-captain Joseph Massino. He said Massino opened the case to find it full of gold chains, telling Vitale, "This is from the Lufthansa score."

After rising to boss of the family, Massino stunned the underworld by becoming the highest-ranking mobster to ever break the mob's oath of omerta when he testified at the 2011 trial of his successor. He's also expected to testify at the Asaro trial.

Prosecutors alleged that though Asaro didn't participate directly in the Lufthansa robbery, he was given \$500,000 because the airport was considered Bonanno turf. □

## 'Whitey' Bulger's lover heads to court on contempt charge

**BOSTON (AP)** — The long-time girlfriend and fugitive companion of James "Whitey" Bulger has pleaded not guilty to a contempt charge for refusing to say whether other people helped the Boston mobster during his 16 years on the run.

Catherine Greig entered the plea Monday on the new charge in U.S. District Court.

A judge ordered her to return Nov. 19.

The 64-year-old Greig is serving an eight-year sentence for conspiracy to harbor a fugitive, identity fraud and conspiracy to commit identity fraud. The indictment alleges that from December 2014 until last month, Greig disobeyed a judge's order to testify before a grand jury in an investigation into who

assisted and harbored the mobster.

Bulger, now 86, fled Boston just before being indicted in early 1995. He was one of the FBI's most wanted fugitives until he was captured in Santa Monica, California, in 2011.

He and Greig had been living together in a rent-controlled apartment. When Greig was sentenced on the original

charges in 2012, her lawyer, Kevin Reddington, said Greig was in love with Bulger when she fled with him and did not believe that Bulger was capable of murder.

In 2013, Bulger was convicted of playing a role in 11 murders and other charges in a sweeping racketeering indictment. Prosecutors said Greig had numerous opportunities to

leave Bulger during their time on the run. Instead, they said she helped him remain a fugitive by using false identities and posing as his wife so she could pick up his prescriptions.

The couple posed as married retirees from Chicago. After they were captured, authorities found a stash of more than \$800,000 in cash and 30 weapons in their apartment. □



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## US Financial Front:

# America's homebuilder sentiment improves in October



Builders work on a home under construction in the Briar Chapel community of Chapel Hill, N.C. The National Association of Home Builders/Wells Fargo builder sentiment index released Monday, Oct. 19, 2015 rose this month to 64, up from 61 in September. The last time the reading was higher was October 2005 at 68.

(AP Photo/Gerry Broome)

**ALEX VEIGA**  
AP Business Writer

U.S. homebuilders are feeling more optimistic about the housing market, lifting their confidence this month to the highest level in 10 years.

The National Association of Home Builders/Wells Fargo builder sentiment index released Monday rose this month to 64, up from 61 in September. The last time the reading was higher was October 2005 at 68.

## Agency cites Ashley Furniture over alleged safety violations

**WHITEHALL, Wis. (AP)** — A federal safety agency has again cited Ashley Furniture Industries Inc. for alleged safety violations at one of its Wisconsin factories. The U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration alleged Monday that Arcadia-based Ashley failed to protect workers from moving machine parts at its upholstery plant in Whitehall.

The agency contends Ashley failed to put in place procedures at the plant to keep machines from accidentally starting up while workers cleaned them, changed blades or cleared jams, the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reported.

OSHA is proposing \$431,000

in fines. The furniture maker currently is contesting an additional \$1.8 million in proposed fines from previous inspections at its factory in Arcadia, in western Wisconsin.

Ashley called the latest allegations "outrageous," and said it "will vigorously challenge" the citations.

"At all times, Ashley has machine guards in place that are provided by the manufacturer and, in some cases, the company has gone beyond what manufacturers put in place by installing additional guards and implementing special procedures to protect workers," Paul Waters, legal counsel for the firm, said in the statement. □

Readings above 50 indicate more builders view sales conditions as good rather than poor. The index has been consistently above 50 since July last year.

Builders' improved optimism bodes well for a pick-up in new home construction, which could help give the U.S. economy a boost.

The supply of new homes has been scarce, so greater construction could result in more sales.

The latest builder index reflects a gradual, but consistent strengthening in the market for new homes, said David Crowe, the NAHB's chief economist.

"With firm job creation, economic growth and

the release of pent-up demand, we expect housing to keep moving forward as we start to close out 2015," he said.

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## Fatal beating of Eritrean prompts soul-searching in Israel

**JOSEF FEDERMAN**  
**Associated Press**

**JERUSALEM (AP)** — The death of an Eritrean migrant who was shot and beaten by a mob that mistakenly believed he was a Palestinian attacker set off a round of soul-searching Monday amid the jittery atmosphere sweeping Israel in a wave of unrest. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu condemned the vigilantism. Some critics accused Israel's leaders of fostering the charged climate, while others called for the swift prosecution of the crazed mob. "It is a disgrace to Israeli

society, and those that carried out this lynching need to be found and brought to justice," said Yaakov Amidror, Netanyahu's former national security adviser. "Even if it was the terrorist himself, by the way, after he was shot, after he was neutralized and lying on the floor, you need to be an animal to torment him," he told Israel Radio. Nine Israelis have been killed in the past month in the attacks, mostly stabbings, on city streets. At least 41 Palestinians have been killed — including 20 identified by Israeli authorities as attackers; the rest

were slain in clashes with Israeli forces. Amid the seemingly random attacks, Israelis have stocked up on mace and pepper spray, and some public officials are openly carrying personal weapons and encouraging the public to do the same. Security has been increased, and especially in Jerusalem. The violence has led to fear and sometimes outright panic. Following an attack at Jerusalem's bus station last week, a swarm of security forces and armed civilians ran along a central road in search of a second assailant following a false



**An Israeli border policeman stands on a hill overlooking Jerusalem's Old City. The death of an Eritrean migrant who was shot and beaten by a mob that mistakenly believed he was a Palestinian attacker set off a round of soul-searching Monday amid the jittery atmosphere sweeping Israel in a wave of unrest.**  
(AP Photo/Mahmoud Illean)

alarm. Elsewhere, an Israeli man stabbed a fellow Jew after mistaking his dark-skinned victim for an Arab. Palestinians in Jerusalem say they are afraid of being shot if perceived to be a threat. But Sunday night's mob scene at the bus station in the southern city of Beersheba took things to a new level. The violence began when an Arab with a knife and gun killed a soldier, stole his weapon and opened fire, wounding nine people before being killed by police. In the mayhem, Habtom Zerhom, an Eritrean migrant in his late 20s, ran into the station to seek cover, police said. A security guard, mistaking Zerhom for an attacker, shot him. As the young man lay on the floor, a mob cursed him, kicked him and hit him with objects. Security camera video showed Zerhom in a pool of blood as he was rammed with a bench and kicked in the head by passers-by, while an Israeli officer and a few bystanders tried to protect him. Zerhom later died at a hospital. "It doesn't matter if it was a terrorist or not. It was a man lying on the ground that

couldn't move. I couldn't sleep at night from seeing him, his blood," Meir Saka, a passer-by who tried to protect the Eritrean, tearfully told Channel 10 TV. An Israeli identified only by the first name Dudu told Israeli Army Radio that he regretted participating in the attack. "If I would have known he wasn't a terrorist, believe me, I would have protected him like I protect myself," he said. "I didn't sleep well at night. I feel disgusted." Meeting lawmakers from his Likud Party, Netanyahu condemned the vigilante violence and sent his condolences to Zerhom's family. "We are a law-abiding country," he said. "No one should take the law into their own hands." Police said they were reviewing the security video to identify the mob. As of late Monday, no arrests had been announced. Critics said the shooting was the result of the charged atmosphere. Jerusalem Mayor Nir Barakat, for instance, has openly called on all licensed gun owners, like himself, to carry their weapons to help back up overstretched security forces. □

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## German anti-Islam group's anniversary rally ends in violence

**FRANK JORDANS**  
**Associated Press**

**DRESDEN, Germany (AP)** — Violence flared in the eastern city of Dresden after German anti-Islam group PEGIDA staged a rally to mark its first anniversary Monday.

Scuffles broke out when police tried to separate far-right protesters and counter-demonstrators attempt-

ing to block their path. Mar-ko Laske, a spokesman for city police, said one person was hospitalized and a counter-demonstrator was detained.

Dresden authorities had warned ahead of the protest that they would crack down hard on violence, amid growing concern in Germany that PEGIDA — whose name stands

for "Patriotic Europeans against the Islamization of the West" — is becoming more radical.

German officials accuse the group of trying to capitalize on fears of immigration amid an unprecedented influx of refugees to the country over the past months.

Many in the crowd held banners with slogans such

as "refugees not welcome." Speakers who touched on the issue of migration elicited chants of "send them back."

Germany's top security official warned that groups such as PEGIDA were paving the way for violence, citing a sharp increase in attacks on refugee shelters this year and a weekend knife attack on a leading

candidate to be mayor of Cologne.

The attacker told police he acted out of anti-foreigner motives.

Interior Minister Thomas de Maiziere told public broadcaster ARD late Sunday that the domestic intelligence service was monitoring PEGIDA and called its leaders "hard far-right extremists." □

## Thousands rush into Croatia as police reopen Serbia border

**JOVANA GEC**  
**Associated Press**

**BERKASOVO, Serbia (AP)** — Thousands of people trying to reach the heart of Europe surged across Serbia's border into Croatia on Monday after authorities eased restrictions that had left them stranded for days in ankle-deep mud and rain.

The miserable wave of humanity left behind a field scattered with soaked blankets, mud-caked clothing and water-logged tents as they headed for Slovenia, the next obstacle to their quest to reach richer European Union nations via the Balkans.

Monday's surprise move allowed an estimated 3,000

more migrants to enter Croatia bound for its small Alpine neighbor, which also has been struggling to slow the flow of humanity across its frontiers — and faced another wave of trekkers seeking to reach Austria and Germany to the north.

"Without any announcement, the borders opened. When the borders opened, everybody rushed," said Melita Sunjic, a spokeswoman for the U.N. refugee agency, who was stationed at the Serb-Croat border.

Many had discarded their mud-soaked socks and walked only in sandals or slippers through the ankle-deep muck in a driving



**Children take shelter from the rain in Sredisce ob Dravi, a border crossing between Croatia and Slovenia Monday, Oct. 19, 2015. Hundreds of migrants have spent the night in rain and cold at Croatia's border after being refused entry into Slovenia.**

(AP Photo/Darko Bandic)

rain, frigid winds and fog. Some who had lost limbs during the civil war in Syr-

ia were aided by friends pushing their wheelchairs down a country lane that,

since Saturday, had been blocked by Croat police.

Now the officers stood aside to permit asylum-seekers by the thousands to walk toward buses for transport north — where they would become Slovenia's problem.

Croatia's prime minister, Zoran Milanovic, said his country had hoped to minimize the flow of people following Hungary's decision to seal its border with Croatia, but conditions on the poorly sheltered Serb side of the border had quickly grown unbearable. "It's apparent that this is no solution, so we will let them through. We will send them toward Slovenia," Milanovic said. □

## Libyan government rejects UN power-sharing proposal

**RAMI MUSA**  
**Associated Press**

**BENGAZI, Libya (AP)** — Libya's internationally recognized government on Monday rejected a U.N. proposal for a power-sharing arrangement with rival Islamist-led authorities that was intended to bring peace to the north African nation.

The internationally recognized parliament will not sign the agreement to

form a unity government because the U.N. refused to exclude amendments added by the Islamist authorities without its consent, Farraj Abu Hashem told The Associated Press.

Libya slid into chaos after the 2011 toppling and killing of longtime dictator Moammar Gadhafi. The internationally recognized government is based in the far eastern town of Tobruk, while a rival Islamist-led

government is based in the capital, Tripoli.

The U.N. envoy for Libya, Bernardino Leon, announced the proposal along with a list of candidates to head the new body on Oct. 8.

The amendments that angered the Tobruk lawmakers would have given the unity government the power to fire all senior Libyan officials not unanimously approved by its members. The

Tobruk government saw this as an attempt to remove their fiercely anti-Islamist army chief, Gen. Khalifa Hifter, whose forces have been battling Islamist militias nationwide for over a year, government spokesman Ali Tekbali said.

The Islamist-led government did not officially reject the deal, but said "signing it would lead to further complications" in a statement issued Monday.

The Tripoli government objects to the deal because it does not provide sufficient guarantees that Islamic law will be implemented, members of the Islamist parliament said on condition of anonymity because they are not authorized to brief reporters. Both governments have slammed Leon for announcing candidates for the unity government when they had not agreed on forming one yet. □

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## Chinese president begins busy state visit to Britain

**GREGORY KATZ**  
**Associated Press**

**LONDON (AP)** — Chinese President Xi Jinping arrived in Britain Monday for a four-day state visit as part of a push to increase trade ties between the two countries. Xi and his wife Peng Liyuan will spend several nights at Buckingham Palace, hosted by Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip, after an elaborate formal welcome and a carriage ride to the palace Tuesday.

Prime Minister David Cameron told Chinese Central Television the visit heralds a "golden era" between the two countries.

"It's a real opportunity to deepen our relationship and I'm delighted President Xi is spending so much time here," Cameron said, adding that Chinese investment in major British infrastructure projects is generating jobs in Britain.

Cameron will spend time with Xi both at 10 Downing Street and at the prime minister's country retreat, Chequers.



**China flags are fixed on poles beside Union flags along The Mall towards Buckingham Palace in London. London is preparing for the visit of Chinese President Xi Jinping, accompanied by his wife Peng Liyuan starting on Monday Oct. 19, 2015.**  
 (AP Photo/Frank Augstein)

The elaborately choreographed visit will also include a trip to the Manchester City football training grounds and a possible unscripted side trip to a pub to dine on that English classic, fish and chips.

The Chinese president plans to address both houses of Parliament on Tuesday before a state banquet at the palace likely to be attended by senior royals, politicians and some figures from the entertainment field.

Protests over China's human rights record are expected throughout Xi's visit, which is scheduled to end Friday.

British opposition leader Jeremy Corbyn has indicated a desire to discuss human rights with Xi when they meet at a palace banquet, but Chinese officials say they would be surprised if he raises the issue. Prominent Chinese dissident Ai Weiwei, a frequent critic of Chinese policies, is having a major exhibit of his

works close to the palace at the Royal Academy of Arts. Britain and China are keen to strengthen business ties despite wide differences over human rights policy. It follows a high profile visit to China by Treasury chief George Osborne, who seeks more Chinese investment.

The two governments are already cooperating on nuclear power development, with China making a major investment in a new plant in southeast England. Prince William, who recently made an official visit to China, recorded a speech for broadcast on Chinese TV outlining the need to combat illegal wildlife trade.

He referred to his daughter Princess Charlotte when he warned that children born this year, like her, "will see the last wild elephants and rhinos die before their 25th birthdays" unless urgent steps are taken.

"We have a responsibility to act on the facts we have today," William said. □

## Saudi Arabia hajj disaster death toll at least 2,121: AP

**JON GAMBRELL**  
**Associated Press**

**DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP)** — The crush and stampede that struck the hajj last month in Saudi Arabia killed at least 2,121 pilgrims, a new Associated Press tally showed Monday, after officials in the kingdom met to discuss the tragedy.

The toll keeps rising from the Sept. 24 disaster outside Mecca as individual countries identify bodies and work to determine the whereabouts of hundreds of pilgrims still missing. The official Saudi toll of 769 people killed and 934 injured has not changed since Sept. 26, and officials have yet to address the discrepancy.

Crown Prince Mohammed bin Naif bin Abdul Aziz, who is also the kingdom's interior minister, oversaw a meeting late Sunday about the disaster in Mina, according to the official Saudi Press Agency. The agency's report did not mention any official response to the rising death toll.

"The crown prince was reassured on the progress of the investigations," the SPA report said.

King Salman ordered the investigation into the disaster, the deadliest in the history of the annual pilgrimage. It came after a crane collapse in Mecca earlier that month killed 111 worshippers, and the twin disasters marred the first hajj to be overseen by the king since he ascended to the throne at the start of this year. □

## Police:

### Masked Australian man caught after robbing Thai bank

**BANGKOK (AP)** — A masked Australian man robbed a bank in Bangkok

in 12 seconds on Monday, using a fake gun before being caught nearby, police said. The 23-year-old man walked into the bank yelling "Money!" and pointed the fake gun at the tellers, who handed over 170,000 baht (\$4,800) in cash, said Metropolitan police chief Lt. Gen. Sanit Mahathavorn.

The man then fled, but had

barely run a few hundred meters (yards) when he was caught with the stolen money by police patrolling the street, Sanit said.

He said the man told the police he had come to Thailand a month ago and ran out of money, so he decided to rob a bank to buy a plane ticket back home. The man was identified as an Australian by his pass-

port. The Australian Embassy was informed and was checking on the man's background, Sanit said.

He said the man has been charged with robbery, which carries a punishment of up to 10 years in jail. No date has been set for his court arraignment, which Sanit said could happen in late November or early December. □



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## Small plane crashes in Colombia capital; 5 dead, 7 injured

**BOGOTA, Colombia (AP)** — A small plane crashed into a residential area of Bogota shortly after taking off from the capital's airport Sunday, setting a bakery on fire and killing five people and injuring seven, including two in critical condition, authorities said. Civil aviation officials said the plane had taken off from Bogota's El Dorado airport three minutes before it went down in the Engativa neighborhood.

It was headed to the town of Guaymaral, 20 kilometers (12½ miles) from Bogota. The city's police chief, Maj.

Gen. Humberto Gatibonza Carreno, told The Associated Press that the pilot and his three passengers died. One person also was killed in the bakery and seven others inside the business suffered burns, including a 12-year-old girl, officials said. Two of those taken to hospitals were reported in critical condition. It was the third crash of a small plane in Bogota in three months. Three people were killed in August when an aircraft crashed in the Cajica area, and three more died in October when a plane smashed onto a highway. □



Firefighters spray water on a bakery set on fire after a small plane crashed into it in Bogota, Colombia. The plane crashed shortly after taking off from Bogota's El Dorado airport killing at least five people including the pilot and his three passengers, the city's police chief, Maj. Gen. Humberto Gatibonza Carreno said.

(AP Photo/Santiago Cortez)

## Venezuela's president calls for prosecution of food magnate

**JORGE RUEDA**  
**Associated Press**  
**CARACAS, Venezuela**  
**(AP)** — President Nicolas Maduro has called for the prosecution of Venezuela's biggest businessman for allegedly conspiring against his government in a phone call discussing a possible international bailout for the crisis-stricken, oil-dependent economy. Maduro late Sunday accused billionaire businessman Lorenzo Mendoza, president of the Empresas Polar food and beer conglomerate, of waging an "economic war" against Venezuela with the aim of surrendering control of the country to the International Monetary Fund. The sharp rebuke was in response to a phone conversation aired on state TV last week between Mendoza and outspoken government critic Ricardo Hausmann, a Harvard University economist who suggested Venezuela needs a \$40 billion IMF bailout to stem a deep crisis marked

by triple-digit inflation, widespread shortages and an estimated 10 percent shrinking of the economy this year. "The biggest of bigwigs thinks he has power that he doesn't have," Maduro said in the call, employing a jab frequently used to mock his opponents among Venezuela's business class. "It's a crime what he's done and what he's doing, speaking in the name of the fatherland," said Maduro. "He should be prosecuted. I hope the judicial bodies react." Mendoza hasn't responded to Maduro's remarks. But in a statement last week, he accused the government of violating his privacy by illegally recording and then broadcasting a personal conversation. He said he's deeply concerned about the march of the economy, which has already led to work stoppages at several Polar-owned facilities, and regularly converses with economists across the political spectrum. □

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## Many Uruguayans fed up with complaints from Syrian refugees

**L. HABERKORN**  
**Associated Press**

**JUAN LACAZE, Uruguay (AP)** — When Uruguay announced last year that it would be taking in five fam-

Alshebli shocked locals by dousing himself in gasoline in protest, furthering Uruguayans' indignation and sense that this South American nation's humanitarian

just as earlier this year the ups and downs of six former Guantanamo Bay detainees taken in by the country hogged headlines. Like the ex-detainees, the

He showed The Associated Press a two-month winter electricity bill totaling \$475 and said everyone in the family who is able works. For example his 19-year-old daughter Nada sells Arab food downtown and recently worked in an assisted living facility, but earned just \$68 in a little under a month there.

Alshebli also complained that the government won't let him farm beyond the modest vegetable garden the family has planted.

"No sheep. No cows. No land," said Alshebli, recounting what he said officials told him.

Political analyst Daniel Chasqueti said the government underestimated cultural differences between Uruguay and the refugees' homeland and failed to take into account their limited job skills.

"And it's not like Uruguay is a country bursting with opportunities," Chasqueti said.

The economy of this nation of 3.3 million people is largely based on agricultural and textile exports, and about 40 percent of workers earn around \$500 a month, according to a leading union.

In August one of the Syrian families tried to travel to Serbia, only to be detained 23 days at the airport in Istanbul because they didn't have the right documents. Ultimately they returned to Uruguay.

The refugees do not have Syrian passports and cannot get Uruguayan ones because they are not citizens. The government has given them national ID cards, but they're insufficient to cross many of the world's frontiers and Uruguay says it can't force other countries to accept the documents.

Their frustration at a boiling point, the Syrians protested for several days last month in front of the Uruguayan presidency to demand help getting to another country.

Then came the incident at Alshebli's home on Oct. 6, when he poured gasoline over himself in protest in the presence of officials from Uruguay's Human Rights Secretariat. According to a statement from the agency, he did so after being told that Uruguay doesn't have the authority to issue him a visa for another country.

It's unclear whether Alshebli intended to light himself on fire or simply scare the officials, who later filed a police complaint. Alshebli declined to discuss the incident, and the head of the rights body did not respond to requests for comment.

One of Alshebli's sons, 21-year-old Ibrahim, said his father simply lost his temper and didn't mean any harm. The elder Alshebli was briefly detained and taken to a hospital for psychiatric evaluation.

Self-immolation has special symbolism today in the Middle East. A major catalyst for the Arab Spring, which began in 2011 in Tunisia, was a poor and frustrated fruit vendor who set himself on fire. But many Uruguayans were appalled.

Lourdes Schneck, who serves the Uruguayan specialty of fried pies in downtown, said she wasn't sure whether to be angry with her government or the Syrians.

"I get the feeling they thought they were coming to a different class of country, with more wealth," said Schneck, who periodically hires one of Alshebli's teenage sons, 15-year-old Mohammed. □



Syrian refugee Nada Alshebli, right, jokingly places a "hijab" veil on Uruguayan Sonia de Leon as her sister Fatima walks behind them as they stroll through town in Juan Lacaze, Uruguay.  
(AP Photo/Matilde Campodonico)

ilies fleeing Syria's devastating civil war, residents of this small town pulled together and lobbied to host one.

Then in November, locals welcomed a newly arrived Merhi Alshebli, his wife and their 15 children with food and seeds to plant vegetables. People in Juan Lacaze, a coastal city of fishermen and paper factory workers in southwestern Uruguay, wanted to do their part to help a country where more than 200,000 have been killed in the fighting.

But after months of the Syrians' complaints about their living conditions and demands to be sent to another country, many Uruguayans in this town and elsewhere have come to see the refugees more as rude, ungrateful guests. This month the 51-year-old

gesture has gone off the rails.

"I'm outraged," said Monica Benitez, who works at a shoe store in Juan Lacaze's tiny downtown. "What they are doing is offensive."

The Syrians' discontent is playing out as hundreds of thousands of their compatriots are risking their lives to migrate to Europe and world leaders from German Chancellor Angela Merkel to Pope Francis have urged nations to open their doors to the flood. The administration of U.S. President Barack Obama has pledged to take in 10,000 Syrians over the next year.

Uruguay's attempt to help by sheltering 42 refugees — a largely symbolic gesture given that over 4 million Syrians have fled since civil war broke out in 2011 — appears to be backfiring,

refugee families complain that life in Uruguay is expensive and authorities aren't doing enough to support them. But unlike the former prisoners, who refused jobs offered to them, the adult Syrians have worked.

The Syrians' biggest beef is that they can't make ends meet even though the government provides housing and gives each family a monthly stipend. Both government officials and the families have declined to say how much that is.

"I like Uruguay. I like Uruguayan families. My young children all go to school here," Alshebli said in halting Spanish, standing in the living room of his sparsely furnished, multi-room home on the outskirts of Juan Lacaze. "But food is very expensive. How can I feed 15 children?"



## Chef Urvin Presents: Memories from Peru



**PALM BEACH** - The Kitchen Table and White Modern Cuisine's local personality Chef Urvin recently visited the beautiful country of Peru on a culinary mission. The mission: to search, find and sample local food and flavors in some of Latin America's best restaurants. Unfortunately, Chef Urvin will not be sharing any photos of the 17-course lunch he enjoyed at Central, ranked the world's number 4 restaurant. Nor will he be showing off the dishes he savored at his 30-course dinner at Astrid & Gaston, ranked number 3 in Latin America. Instead, he is bringing back his experiences from Peru and

doing what he does best: translating these dishes to reflect the flavors and inspiration from Peru in a Caribbean setting. Peru is a magnificent country of a diversity of landscapes, with a long pacific coast and famous Highlands. Peru is also known for its history, with the famous, mystical Machu Picchu site, Inca history and culture. This all translates to a culinary diversity that inspired Chef Urvin to meld the flavors from Peru into Caribbean dishes. The 7-course menu at The Kitchen Table includes Ceviche, Pescado al Aji and Causa, a traditional

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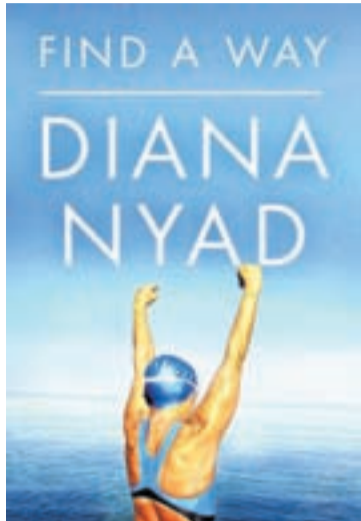
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Diana Nyad writes the way she speaks — exuberantly capitalizing the job titles of her swimming support team members, name-dropping her way through anecdotes about her public life at a historic time for women in sports, colorfully detailing the hallucinations she experienced during her long swims from Cuba to Florida.

Nyad's new memoir, "Find a Way," should charm the fans who cheered her through five attempts to swim the approximately 100 miles through the rough, swift currents between Cuba and the Florida Keys.

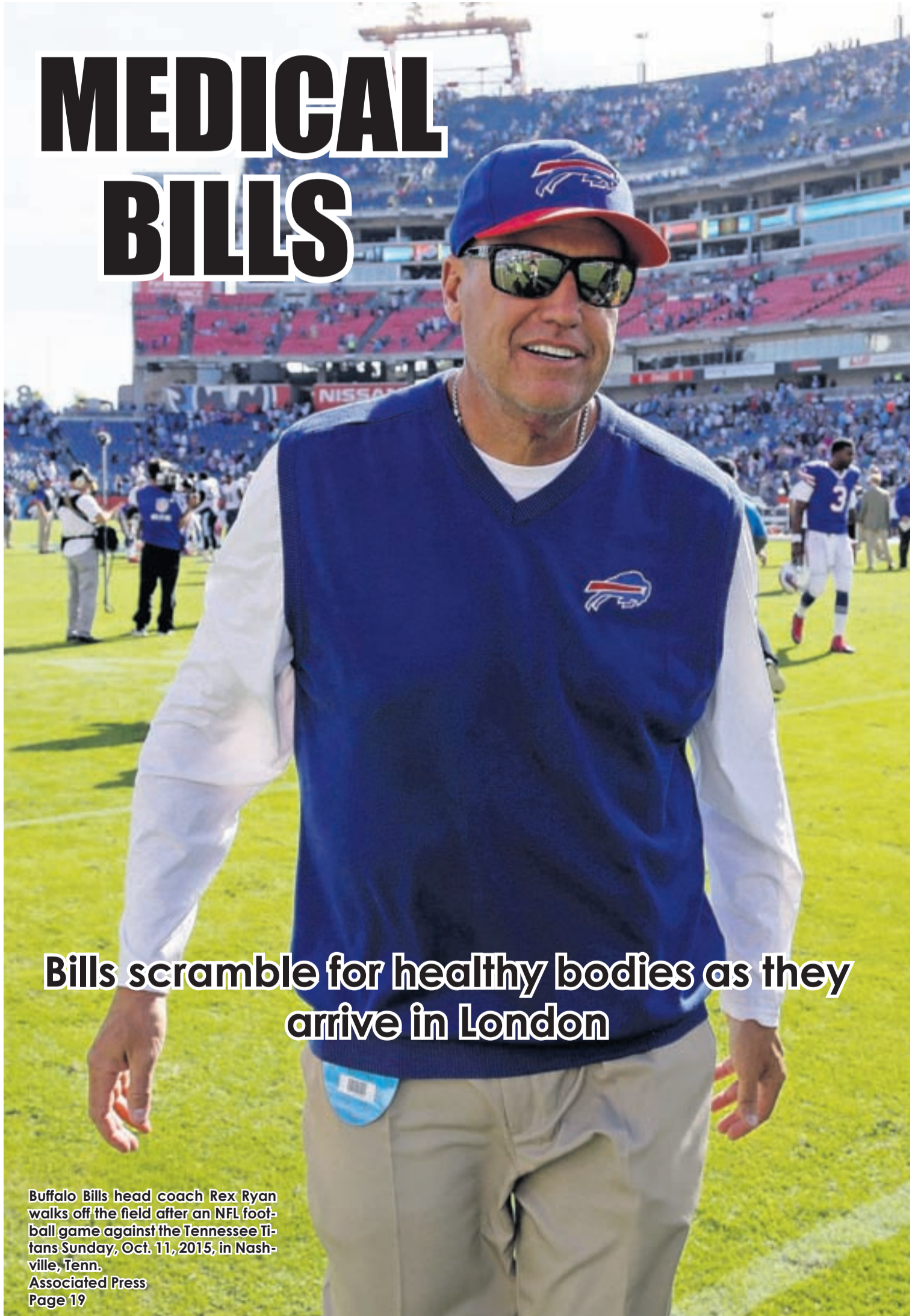
Critics who questioned Nyad's documentation of her successful 2013 swim, along with her methods and equipment, likely won't find much to appreciate about "Find a Way," though.

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# MEDICAL BILLS

## Bills scramble for healthy bodies as they arrive in London

Buffalo Bills head coach Rex Ryan walks off the field after an NFL football game against the Tennessee Titans Sunday, Oct. 11, 2015, in Nashville, Tenn.  
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# Murphy HRs again; Mets beat Cubs for 2-0 NLCS lead

**RONALD BLUM**

**AP Baseball Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Daniel Murphy hit his fifth playoff homer and rookie Noah Syndergaard outpitched Chicago Cubs ace Jake Arrieta, sending the New York Mets to a 4-1 victory and a 2-0 lead in the National League Championship Series.

Arrieta, baseball's most dominant pitcher since the All-Star break, had not even settled in when Murphy homered for the fourth straight game, a two-run drive just inside the right-field pole in a three-run first inning.

Given the quick lead on a chilly night, Syndergaard kept the bats of Chicago's young sluggers on ice with shutout ball into the sixth inning.

Curtis Granderson robbed Chris Coghlan of a likely home run with a leaping grab at the center-field wall, swiped a pair of bases and scored two runs for the Mets.

After beating Clayton Kershaw, Zack Greinke, Jon Lester and Arrieta, the Mets are two wins from reaching their first World Series since 2000.

New York starts NL Rookie of the Year Jacob deGrom when the series resumes Tuesday at Wrigley Field.



**New York Mets' Daniel Murphy hits a two-run home run during the first inning of Game 2 of the National League baseball championship series against the Chicago Cubs Sunday, Oct. 18, 2015, in New York.**

**Associated Press**

Chicago goes with Kyle Hendricks, part of the less-than-imposing back end of its rotation.

If the long-downtrodden Cubs are to reach the World Series for the first time since 1945, they must first force the best-of-seven NLCS back to Citi Field next weekend.

After homering off Kershaw,

Greinke and Lester, Murphy added his fifth home run of the postseason, giving him eight RBIs in seven games. Long, blond locks flowing out the back of his cap, Syndergaard seems to be taking on a bit of the cockiness of Game 1 winner Matt Harvey.

He gained the nickname Thor — the Norse god

known for his fierce storms — after he tweeted a photo of himself in costume doing squats on Halloween two years ago.

After the Mets beat the Dodgers in the Division Series, the rookie tweeted, "Our enemy has been vanquished.....Odin is pleased" — a reference to Thor's father.

And ahead of his start against the Cubs, Syndergaard changed the photo atop his Twitter page to a shot featuring lightning striking Chicago's famous Willis Tower.

Having made the first relief appearance of his big league career in Game 5 against the Dodgers, Syndergaard came out throwing 99 mph darts until the sixth, when Dexter Fowler singled and scored on Kris Byrant's two-out double off the left-field wall.

Jon Niese came in and struck out Anthony Rizzo, squelching Chicago's comeback hopes.

Syndergaard allowed three hits, struck out nine and walked one.

Jeurys Familia's fourth postseason save finished a five-pitcher five-hitter and sent the Cubs to consecutive losses for the first time since they dropped three in a row from Sept. 23-26.

Chicago skipped batting practice because of the hot weather, but Arrieta took the mound in short sleeves.

He had not given up a first-inning run in 25 consecutive starts since May 29. With his velocity down slightly, he found himself trailing after nine pitches and down 3-0 after 13.□

## Grella scores fastest goal in MLS history, Red Bulls win 4-1

**The Associated Press**

**HARRISON, New Jersey**

**(AP)** — Mike Grella took just 7 seconds to score the quickest ever Major League Soccer goal as the New York Red Bulls beat the Philadelphia Union 4-1 on Sunday to earn the top seed in the Eastern Conference playoffs.

Grella raced to the ball and attacked the open lane after flat-footed midfielder Michael Lahoud allowed the initial backpass to roll past him. With Steven Vitoria backpedaling, Grella jukeed left and sent a left-footed shot deflecting off the defender and past

goalkeeper Andre Blake. Tim Cahill scored the previous fastest goal at 8 seconds in the Red Bulls' 3-0 victory over the Houston Dynamo on Oct. 20, 2013. Grella also scored in the 17th minute to give New York a 3-0 lead.

Wright-Phillips added his 16th goal of the season on a right-footed volley in the fourth minute. Kemar Lawrence scored his first MLS goal to make it 4-0 just before the half.

The Red Bulls are level with FC Dallas in the Supporters' Shield race for the overall regular-season title with one game left.

Sebastien Le Toux scored for the Union in the 55th minute. In Washington, Chris Pontius scored in the 39th minute and D.C. United added three second-half goals to beat the Chicago Fire 4-0.

United moved into second place in the East and can secure an automatic berth in the conference semifinals with a win over Columbus in the regular-season finale. Pontius opened the scoring when he pushed the ball past Chicago's Jon Busch with a heavy touch and raced behind the goalkeeper to finish in the open net. Bobby Boswell



**Los Angeles Galaxy defender Leonardo, right, and Portland Timbers forward Fanendo Adi battle for a Associated Press ball in the first half of an MLS soccer game in Carson, Calif., Sunday, Oct. 18, 2015.**

**Associated Press**

headed home Fabian Espindola's corner in the 67th minute, Espindola knocked in a left-footer with the benefit of defender Lovel

Palmer's deflection in the 71st, and Alvaro Saborio volleyed in a high-arching deflection from point-blank range in the 80th.□

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# Injuries, questions follow Buffalo Bills to England

JOHN WAWROW

AP Sports Writer

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP)

— Coach Rex Ryan and the Bills carried plenty of baggage upon flying out of Buffalo and touching down in London on Monday.

A sudden rash of injuries is a concern for the Bills (3-3), who left town early in preparation to play the Jacksonville Jaguars (1-5) at Wembley Stadium on Sunday.

And then there are questions regarding the efficiency of Buffalo's prized defense which is playing well below its high-priced expectations after being picked apart in a 34-21 loss to Cincinnati.

"Any time you go on a trip like this, it's all about circling the wagons," offensive guard Richie Incognito said following the loss to the Bengals.

"This is where teams really forge their identity. We're going over to face some adversity, and it'll be good for us."

The question is which Bills will be healthy enough to face that challenge.

Receiver Sammy Watkins (left ankle),

defensive tackle Kyle Williams (left knee), offensive tackle Seantrel Henderson (concussion) and receiver Marquise Goodwin (ribs) were hurt against Cincinnati, and their status is uncertain against Jacksonville.

Then there are the regulars who were already sidelined on Sunday, including starting quarterback Tyrod Taylor (left knee), receiver Percy Harvin (hip), backup running back Karlos Williams (concussion) and receiver Marcus Easley (shoulder).

Ryan declined to provide

updates on the status of his injured players following the game, and isn't scheduled to address reporters until the Bills hold their first practice on Wednesday.

What complicates matters is how restricted the Bills will be if they intend to bring in reinforcements, who will require a valid passport to travel to England.

"No, it's not easy logistically," general manager Doug Whaley said. "It's going to put us in a bind."

The Bills' defense is another concern.

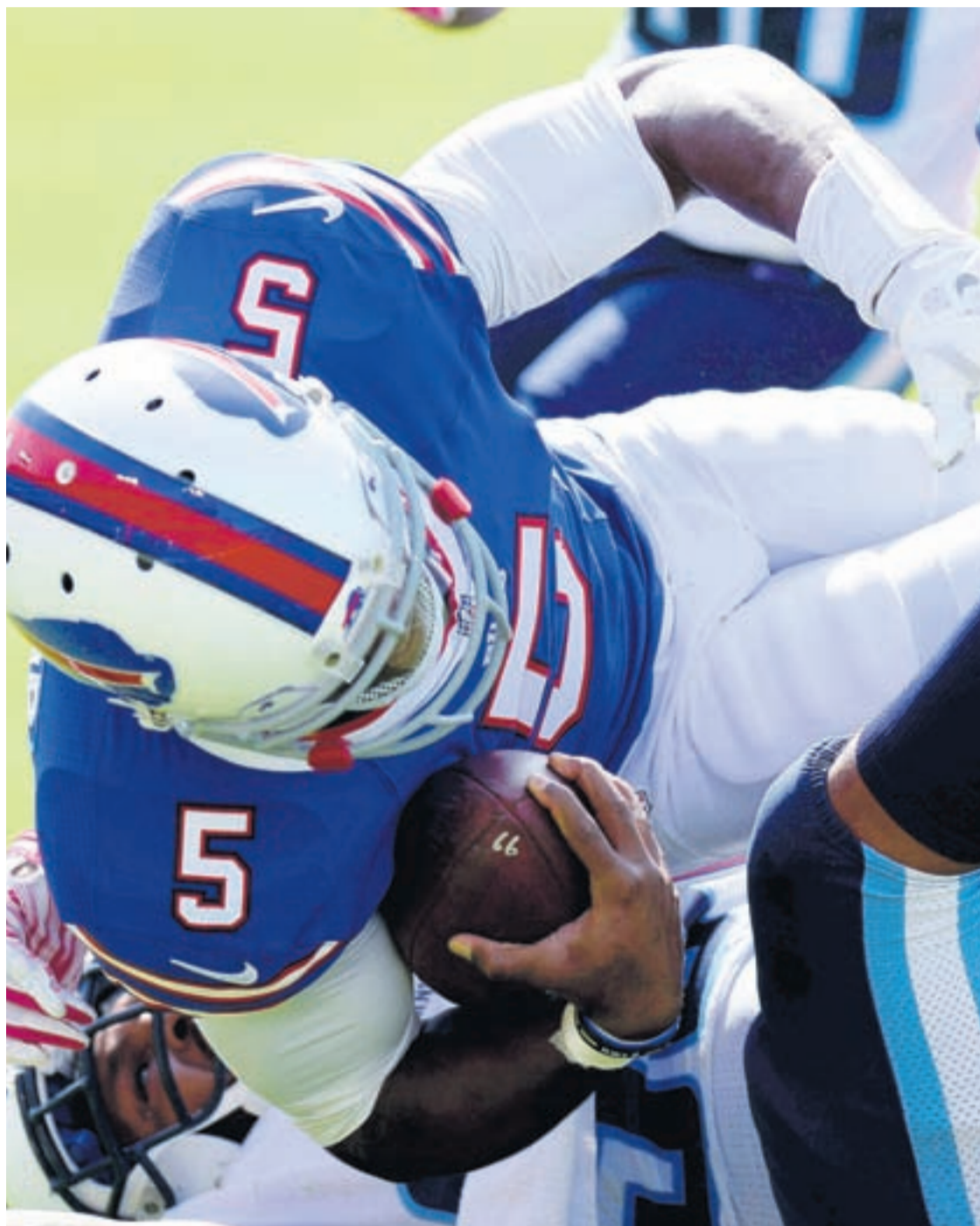
The pass rush has dried up. Buffalo has managed just nine sacks in six games, well off the pace of the past two years in which the Bills topped 50.

Against the Bengals, the Bills failed to register a sack or generate a turnover in the same game for the first time since a 44-7 loss at Dallas on Nov. 13, 2011. And they've not been shut out at home in both categories since a 38-14 loss to the New York Jets on Oct. 3, 2010.

The defense on third down was an issue, too, against the Bengals, who converted 7 of 12 opportunities. The 58 percent conversion rate matched the highest against Buffalo since New England went 7 of 12 on Nov. 11, 2012.

This is not what was expected from a unit that features two defensive linemen with \$100 million contracts — Mario Williams and Marcell Dareus — and returned mostly intact after leading the league in sacks and allowing the fourth-fewest yards last season.

Ryan placed the blame on himself and finally began acknowledging that he might be holding back too much when it comes to pressuring the pocket.



Buffalo Bills quarterback Tyrod Taylor (5) is brought down in the first half of an NFL football game against the Tennessee Titans, Sunday, Oct. 11, 2015, in Nashville, Tenn.

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"I went with some three-man rush stuff and never let my guys go as much as I should have," Ryan said. "We've got to take a long hard look at what we're asking our guys to do."

It doesn't help that the Bills might be without one of their front-line anchors in Kyle Williams. And they're already missing starting safety Aaron Williams, who was placed on short-term

injured reserve last week because of a neck injury.

"We're banged up. The only think that's certain is we've got a game on Sunday," receiver Robert Woods said. "We're going to London with what we have. I think it's a must-win situation."

NOTES: Offensive line coach Aaron Kromer is set to rejoin the team after serving a six-game suspen-

sion after being arrested and charged with battery for punching a boy in the face in Florida. Though charges were dropped, the Bills suspended Kromer without pay. ... CB Leodis McKelvin is eligible to be activated off the reserve-non-football injury list on Tuesday.

He has been sidelined since aggravating an injury to his right foot in July. □

## NFL Roundup

# Brady, Patriots take advantage of botched play to beat Indy

**The Associated Press**

**INDIANAPOLIS (AP)** — Tom Brady threw for 312 yards and three touchdowns as New England took advantage of a botched fake punt in the Patriots' 34-27 victory over the Indianapolis Colts on Sunday.

The Patriots improved to 5-0 for the first time since 2007. It was the first meeting between the rivals since the "Deflategate" storm erupted after the AFC title game in January.

For a half, the teams traded jabs.

But New England seized control in the second half. Brady's 25-yard touchdown pass to Rob Gronkowski gave New England a 27-21 lead. And when the Patriots stopped the Colts (3-3) on an odd-looking and ill-advised fake punt, the scrambling Brady eventually found LeGarrette Blount for an 11-yard scoring pass that made it 34-21.

Andrew Luck was 30 of 50 for 312 yards and three touchdowns in his first game back from an injured right shoulder.

### **BENGALS 34, BILLS 21**

**ORCHARD PARK, New York (AP)** — Andy Dalton threw three touchdown passes as Cincinnati beat Buffalo to improve to 6-0 and match the best start in franchise history.

With star receiver A.J. Green covered much of the game, Dalton completed touchdown passes to Marvin Jones, Tyler Eifert and Jeremy Hill. Dalton finished 22 of 33 for 243 yards for Cincinnati, which was also 6-0 to start the 1975 and '88 seasons. The Bengals broke the game open by scoring 17 points on their first three second-half possessions to build a 34-14 lead.

The Bills (3-3) were undone by injuries and several penalties that allowed the Bengals to enjoy an average drive start of midfield in the first half.

### **BRONCOS 26, BROWNS 23, OT**

**CLEVELAND (AP)** — Peyton Manning shook off three interceptions and drove



Indianapolis Colts quarterback Andrew Luck (12) is sacked by New England Patriots defensive end Chandler Jones (95) and defensive tackle Dominique Easley (99) in the second half of an NFL football game in Indianapolis, Sunday, Oct. 18, 2015.

Denver in range for Brandon McManus' 34-yard field goal with 4:56 left in overtime.

Manning took the Broncos from their own 12 to Cleveland's 16 before McManus kicked his game-winner to make Denver 6-0 for the seventh time in franchise history. The Broncos only rallied thanks to their top-ranked defense, which came up big in overtime. After Manning's third pick, Denver recorded two sacks to push the Browns (2-4) out of field-goal range.

### **PACKERS 27, CHARGERS 20**

**GREEN BAY, Wisconsin (AP)** — Green Bay stopped San Diego on fourth-and-goal from the 3 with 15 seconds left and overcame a career day by Philip Rivers to hold off the Chargers. Rivers set career highs with 43 completions, 65 attempts and 503 yards passing. He threw for two touchdowns for the Chargers (2-4). But he needed one more completion.

Rookie cornerback Damarius Randall lunged to poke away Rivers' short pass to Danny Woodhead near the front right pylon in the final seconds.

The fans inside Lambeau

Field erupted with a collective sigh of relief. Green Bay (6-0) survived its biggest scare of the year to stay unbeaten.

The Packers started strong and finished barely in front. Running back James Starks had touchdowns on a 65-yard run and a 5-yard pass in the first quarter.

### **LIONS 37, BEARS 34, OT**

**DETROIT (AP)** — A win, finally. Matt Prater kicked a 27-yard field goal with 2:29 left in overtime, and Detroit won for the first time this season.

Matthew Stafford heaved a 57-yard pass to Calvin Johnson to set up the kick for the Lions (1-5). Johnson finished with six receptions for 166 yards.

The Bears (2-4) had chances for a third straight comeback win.

Chicago's Robbie Gould kicked a 29-yard field goal as time expired in regulation. The tying score was set up by Darius Slay getting called for interference after Jay Cutler's 25- and 24-yard passes to Alshon Jeffery.

### **PANTHERS 27, SEAHAWKS 23**

**SEATTLE (AP)** — Cam Newton threw a 26-yard touchdown pass to Greg Olsen

with 32 seconds left as Carolina remained unbeaten, rallying for a stunning win over Seattle.

Newton led the Panthers (5-0) to touchdowns on their final two possessions after trailing 23-14, the second straight week the Seahawks collapsed in the fourth quarter. Newton found Olsen wide open down the seam as All-Pro Earl Thomas and Richard Sherman looked at each other in confusion.

Newton was 12 of 15 for 162 yards in the fourth quarter and threw for 269 yards overall. He led the Panthers on a pair of 80-yard touchdown drives in the final period as the Panthers improved to 5-0 for the second time in franchise history.

It was the second straight week the Seahawks (2-4) suffered a late defensive meltdown.

### **JETS 34, REDSKINS 20**

**EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey (AP)** — Ryan Fitzpatrick threw two touchdown passes and ran for another score as the Jets overcame a sloppy first half.

Chris Ivory ran for 146 yards and a TD on 20 carries for the Jets, who improved to

4-1 for the first time since 2010. Brandon Marshall had seven catches for 111 yards, and Eric Decker also caught a TD. The Redskins are 2-4.

### **STEELERS 25, CARDINALS 13**

**PITTSBURGH (AP)** — Landry Jones threw two touchdown passes to Martavis Bryant in relief of Michael Vick as Pittsburgh rallied for the win.

Vick left in the third quarter with a hamstring injury and Pittsburgh's offense took off when Jones took over. Jones hit Bryant for an 8-yard score to give the Steelers (4-2) the lead. The two hooked up later for an 88-yard strike.

Jones completed 8 of 12 passes for 168 yards and the two scores. Bryant caught six passes for 137 yards in his first action of the season.

Carson Palmer threw for 421 yards with a TD and two interceptions. John Brown caught 10 balls for 196 yards for the Cardinals (4-2).

### **VIKINGS 16, CHIEFS 10**

**MINNEAPOLIS (AP)** — Despite an erratic performance by Terry Bridgewater, Minnesota's tough defense and rookie wide receiver Stefon Diggs came through over mistake-prone Kansas City.

Alex Smith's 42-yard touchdown pass to Albert Wilson midway through the fourth quarter pulled the Chiefs within three points, but the Vikings (3-2) played well enough early to survive their ragged finish.

The Chiefs (1-5) had eight penalties for 95 yards.

Diggs had 129 yards on seven catches. Bridgewater threw two interceptions. Adrian Peterson, who was on the sideline late in the game with the Vikings trying to put it away, finished with 60 yards on 26 carries.

### **49ERS 25, RAVENS 20**

**SANTA CLARA, California (AP)** — Colin Kaepernick completed a 76-yard touchdown pass to ex-Ravens star Torrey Smith, and Joe Flacco threw two interceptions as San Francisco beat Baltimore to end a four-game losing streak. □

# Stempniak scores in OT to give Devils 2-1 win over Rangers

The Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Lee Stempniak scored at 3:07 of overtime as the New Jersey Devils finally gave new coach John Hynes a victory with a 2-1 win over the New York Rangers on Sunday.

with 26 saves for New Jersey. Lundqvist stopped 22 shots.

BLUES 4, JETS 2

WINNIPEG, Manitoba (AP) — Vladimir Tarasenko scored twice and Brian Elliott made 26 saves in St. Louis' victory over Winni-

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Tyler Toffoli scored on a breakaway late in the second period to help Los Angeles beat Colorado.

Marian Gaborik also scored, and Jonathan Quick made 21 saves. The Kings beat the Avalanche

day night after giving up three goals on eight shots in his Ducks debut. Nino Niederreiter scored for Minnesota.

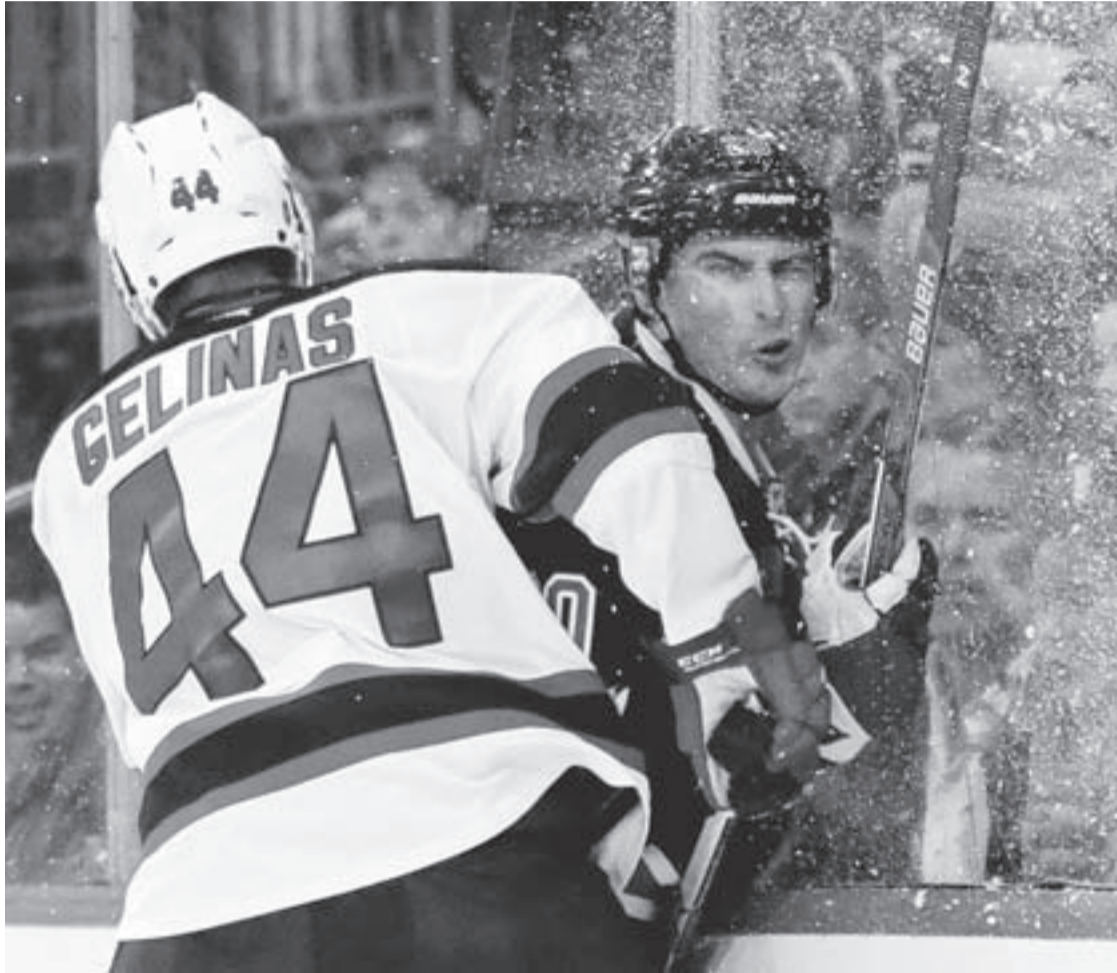
**OILERS 2, CANUCKS 1, OT** VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — Lauri Korpikoski scored on a breakaway at 1:46 of overtime lift Edmonton past Vancouver.

Nail Yakupov scored in regulation and Anders Nilsson stopped 33 shots to

help Edmonton win for the second straight night after starting the season 0-4-0.

Matt Bartkowski scored in regulation for Vancouver and Ryan Miller finished with 22 saves.

**In other NHL games it was New Jersey 2, N.Y. Rangers 1, OT; St. Louis 4, Winnipeg 2; Anaheim 4, Minnesota 1; Edmonton 2, Vancouver 1, OT; and Los Angeles 2, Colorado 1.**



New Jersey Devils defenseman Eric Gelinas (44) checks New York Rangers left wing Chris Kreider during the second period of an NHL hockey game at Madison Square Garden on Sunday, Oct. 18, 2015, in New York.

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Adam Henrique, who scored early in the second period, made the cross-ice pass that Stempniak fired past his former teammate Henrik Lundqvist to end the 3-on-3 overtime.

Derek Stepan, who scored for the Rangers in the opening minutes, had hit the crossbar just before New Jersey won for the first time in five games. The Rangers have lost three straight after opening the season with three victories. Cory Schneider finished

peg.

Tarasenko gave the Blues a 3-2 lead on a delayed penalty midway through the third period, firing a shot past goalie Ondrej Pavelec and into the corner of the net for his fifth goal of the season.

Scottie Upshall and Carl Gunnarsson also scored for St. Louis. The Blues have won four straight to improve to 5-1-0. Nikolaj Ehlers and Mathieu Perreault scored for Winnipeg.

**KINGS 2, AVALANCHE 1**

for the sixth straight time to improve to 8-0-1 in their last nine meetings.

Matt Duchene scored for Colorado.

**DUCKS 4, WILD 1**

ANAHEIM, California (AP) — Anton Khudobin rebounded from a rough outing with 34 saves, and Cam Fowler, Rickard Rakell, and Mike Santorelli scored in Anaheim's victory over Minnesota.

Khudobin was pulled less than 13 minutes into a 4-0 loss at Arizona on Wednes-

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# Grillo makes rookie debut with win at Silverado

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**AP Golf Writer**

**NAPA, California (AP)** —

The two lasting images of Emiliano Grillo in his PGA Tour rookie debut were both misses.

And then he made the one putt he could afford to miss. "This is the greatest moment in my life in golf," the 23-year-old Argentine said Sunday after his playoff win in the Frys.com Open.

Grillo was trying to make a move up the leaderboard Saturday afternoon when he was told on the 296-yard 17th hole that the green was clear. His tee shot was just left of the green, and only later did he realize it came within inches of hitting Rory McIlroy.

That was a good miss.

McIlroy, who struggled all week with his putter, joked later it would have "put me out of my misery" if it had hit him.

Grillo said he thought about running over a few fairways to find him for an apology, but his thoughts were occupied by another matter Sunday afternoon. First, he rolled in a 25-foot birdie putt on the par-5 18th hole for a 3-under 69 that eventually landed him in a playoff with Kevin Na, who birdied the 18th for a 70.

On the first extra hole, Grillo looked like a winner when he hit a chip shot across the 18th to 3 feet above



**Emiliano Grillo, of Argentina, reacts on the 18th green of the Silverado Resort North Course after winning the Frys.com golf tournament Sunday, Oct. 18, 2015, in Napa, Calif.**

**Associated Press**

the hole, and Na had a long two-putt just to make par. Step over the putt, rap it and the kid would be a PGA Tour winner in the season opener. He missed.

The momentary shock came from a putt the same distance that he missed seven months earlier in the Puerto Rico Open that cost him a chance to win, and he lost in a playoff. He later said that miss gave him nightmares for a week. "One of the most painful times of my life," he said.

After what seemed like a long drive back to the 18th

tee for a second playoff hole, the Argentine gathered himself. Even after two mediocre shots, he delivered an aggressive approach to just under 10 feet.

And the next mistake belonged to Na.

After getting a reprieve with Grillo's missed birdie putt, he was in the 18th fairway and chose for the second time to hit driver off the deck. It worked out fine on the first extra hole, not so much on the second. Na hooked it so far left that a tree blocked his path to the green. He hit wedge

onto and over the green, chipped well past the hole and made bogey. Grillo only needed two putts for the win.

He made it, throwing both arms in the air.

Na defended his decision to hit driver from the tight grass on the fairway, suggesting in a brief Golf Channel interview when it was over that maybe it was getting darker or the ball was slightly above his feet, but he probably would have hit the same shot again. He did not come to the media room for an interview, typical of play-

off losers. Na walked away with \$648,000.

He wasn't the only disappointed player at Silverado. Jason Bohn had the lead alone and was just inside 50 yards of the hole on the par-5 16th when he chunked a wedge, pitched the next one to 8 feet and missed the putt to take bogey on the second-easiest hole of the day. He missed the playoff by one shot.

Justin Thomas made a 45-foot birdie putt on the 13th hole, missed a 7-foot birdie putt on the next one and never got a better look than that. Four more pars left him one shot behind, though he made a gallant bid with a 30-foot birdie attempt on the 18th hole that burned the bottom edge of the cup.

Justin Rose was tied for the lead and began his slide by missing a 3-foot putt. Brendan Steele had the lead until five bogeys in a six-hole stretch. He shot 40 on the back.

Ultimately, this day was all about Grillo.

Born in Argentina, groomed for golf in Florida, he earned his PGA Tour card about a month ago and capped off his Web.com Tour season by winning the final event by making a 25-foot putt on the final hole. Two weeks later, another 25-foot birdie putt on the 18th hole sent him soaring. □

## Nyad

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The book opens amid the debilitating jellyfish stings that derailed Nyad's third attempt, in September 2011, to make the swim. It was her second failed attempt that year.

She first attempted the Cuba-Florida swim, with a shark cage, in 1978 at age 28, at the height of her open swimming career. She called it quits after swimming from the Bahamas to Florida, and then spent the next three decades working in broadcasting and the sports industry.

She reignited her dream of swimming from Havana to the Keys in 2010, but poor weather conditions delayed her attempt until the following year, when she failed twice. A fourth attempt in 2012 was halted after Nyad, again suffering from jellyfish stings, was pulled from the water twice during life-threatening storms.

Nyad writes that her team's patience waned in 2013, but she pressed on, determined to finish what she had repeatedly started. Wearing a specialized mask and stinger suit to protect herself from jellyfish rising to the surface during the night, Nyad finally lucked

out with favorable currents that sped her toward Key West. She stepped ashore on Labor Day 2013 after swimming roughly 110 miles in about 53 hours.

Nyad gives the controversy that followed her victory — public skepticism from other open water marathon swimmers who doubted her account of the swim — a single paragraph in the book, and then she returns to the internal struggles and payoffs that come in pursuit of a 35-year dream. (For anyone still looking for more data to confirm Nyad's path through the Florida Straits, she says she has the GPS devices used

during her swim in a bank vault for safekeeping.)

"Find a Way" makes clear how Nyad did everything her way, even if she was out of step with the rest of the open water swimming community. She didn't keep up with how marathon swimmers started to codify their events during her 30-year absence from the water — and she didn't much care when it came to jumping back into the Florida Straits.

She had her vision for the swim, her internal playlists and tricks to occupy her mind during the long hours in the water, her hand-picked crew of supporters and her own expectations

to manage. She may not have maliciously flouted any rules, but she wasn't looking for input from outside her protective bubble, either.

Nyad developed herself-reliance and obsessive drive as a traumatized child. She writes rawly about the sexual assaults inflicted by her swim coach and the con artist who raised her, even as they pushed her to fulfill what she saw as her destiny as a swimmer.

Maybe some readers will find inspiration in Nyad's triumphs over adversity. In "Find a Way," though, Nyad's ambitions don't come across as triumphant so much as needy. □

# Drone close calls spur U.S. govt. to require registration

JOAN LOWY

Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The U.S. government will require many drone aircraft to be registered, a move prompted by the growing number of reported close calls and incidents that pose safety risks, officials announced Monday. Pilot sightings of drones have doubled since last year, including sightings near manned aircraft and major sporting events, and interference with wild-fire-fighting operations, the government said.

"These reports signal a troubling trend," Federal Aviation Administration chief Michel Huerta said at a news conference to announce the step. Registration will increase pressure on drone operators to fly responsibly, he said, adding, "when they don't fly safely, they'll know there will be consequences."

To work out details, the FAA

and the Transportation Department are setting up a 25- to 30-member task force including government and industry officials and hobbyists. They'll recommend which drones should be required to register and which should be exempted, and design a system that would be easy for commercial operators to comply with, the department said.

Toys and small drones that don't present a safety threat are likely to be exempt.

Drones that weigh only a pound or two or that can't fly higher than a few hundred feet are considered less risky. Heavier ones and those that can fly thousands of feet pose more of a problem.

There is no official count of how many drones have been sold in the U.S., but industry officials say it is in the hundreds of thousands and

will easily pass a million by the end of the year.

Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx directed the task force to deliver its report by Nov. 20. The Consumer Electronics Association has forecast that 700,000 drones will be sold this holiday season, and Foxx said it's especially important that new drone users be taught the responsibilities that come with flying.

Registering drones that could pose safety risks "makes sense, but it should not become a prohibitive burden for recreational users who fly for fun and educational purposes and who have operated harmoniously within our communities for decades," Dave Mathewson, executive director of the Academy for Model Aeronautics, said in a statement.

The FAA now receives



In this June 11, 2015 file photo, a hexacopter drone is flown during a drone demonstration at a farm in Cordova, Md.

Associated Press

about 100 reports a month from pilots who say they've seen drones flying near planes and airports, compared with only a few sightings per month last year. So far there have been no accidents, but agency officials have said they are concerned that even a drone weighing only a few pounds (kilograms) might cause serious damage if it is sucked into an engine or smashes into an airliner's windshield.

In cases where drones have crashed where they were not supposed to be

flying — at crowded sports stadiums, for example — it has been difficult to find the operators.

The FAA signed an agreement last month with CACI International Inc., an information technology company in Arlington, Virginia, to test technology that could locate the operators of small drones that are flying illegally near airports. The technology would let the government track radio signals used to operate drones within a 5-mile (8 kilometer) radius and identify the operator's location. □

# Google to give away software to Microsoft Office defectors

MICHAEL LIETKE

AP Technology Writer

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — Google is escalating an attack on Microsoft's lucrative Office software in an attempt to hit its longtime rival where it will hurt the most.

The assault is targeting companies and government agencies paying for Microsoft's suite of word processing, email, calendar, spreadsheet and other Office programs.

If they dump Microsoft, Google will give them free use of a package of its competing software that normally costs \$5 or \$10 per user each month.

The price for the "Google for Work" software will be waived for the duration of the defecting customers' existing contracts with Microsoft or any other supplier. The offer is open for the next six months in the U.S. and will eventually be extended to other countries.

Google is limiting the free usage to 3,000 people per defecting customer. Even with that restriction, Google will be foregoing \$180,000 to \$360,000 in annual revenue if a company with 3,000 people signs up for the offer.

As an additional incentive, Google will pay up to \$75,000 to each company switching to its software to cover the costs of making the change.

Google, now owned by a newly formed company called Alphabet Inc., declined to say how much it has budgeted for its latest assault on Microsoft Corp. Google says more than 600 companies have at least 10,000 employees using Work software.

The offer underscores Google's confidence in the quality of its software and its resolve to undercut one of Microsoft's most valuable franchises, said Aragon Research analyst Jim



In this June 5, 2014 photo, a man walks past a Google sign at the company's headquarters in Mountain View, Calif.

Associated Press

Lundy said. He estimated Microsoft's current customers are paying \$12 to \$20 per user under contracts that typically run for several years.

Microsoft's Office division generated \$23.5 billion, or roughly one-quarter of the software maker's revenue during its last fiscal year ending in June. The revenue includes sales of Office

to consumers, too.

Digital advertising still accounts for nearly all of Google's revenue, which totaled \$66 billion last year. But the Mountain View, California, company has diverting some of the money it makes from advertising to chip away at Microsoft's dominance in office software since it introduced a suite of competing pro-

grams nearly a decade ago.

At that time, Google was trying a different approach by requiring an Internet connection to use its software instead of installing the programs on the hard drives of individual programs. Now, Microsoft and most other software makers sell subscriptions that allow online access to their programs so they can be opened on personal computers, tablets and smartphones.

Microsoft, which is based in Redmond, Washington, also has been trying to chip away at Google's dominance in Internet search and advertising for the past decade, with little success.

Google's new business software offer "represents a continuing saga in the battle with Microsoft for control of the desktop and mobile devices," Lundy said. □

# US stocks eke out tiny gains after a sluggish day

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AP Business Writer

U.S. stocks mustered a slight gain in the final moments of trading on Monday, capping a day of listless action that had the market headed for a downbeat close.

A slide in oil prices hammered energy stocks, including Chevron and Exxon Mobil, which ended up as the biggest decliners in the Dow Jones industrial average. Other commodities also fell, hurt by a strengthening dollar.

Weight Watchers more than doubled on news that Oprah Winfrey is buying a 10 percent stake in the weight management company and will help promote the company's services.

Investors had their eye on company earnings from Morgan Stanley, Hasbro and others. Both companies tumbled after their results left investors less-than-impressed.

Still, Monday's sluggish trading suggests many investors were holding off on any big moves until they see a broader slice of companies report third-quarter earnings over the next few days, said David Schiegoleit, managing director of investments at the Private Client Reserve at U.S. Bank.

"A lot of participants are on the sidelines waiting to see those numbers come out and use them as a cue to move forward," Schiegoleit said. "The big push in earnings season starts today, particularly after the close, and as we head into the rest of the week."

All told, the Dow rose 14.57 points, or 0.1 percent, to 17,230.54. The Standard &

Poor's 500 index added 0.55 points, or 0.03 percent, to 2,033.66. The Nasdaq composite rose 18.78 points, or 0.4 percent, to 4,905.47.

Major stock indexes have closed higher for three days in a row.

"Oil has had a tough time getting off the ground and most commodities are down," said JJ Kinahan, TD Ameritrade's chief strategist. "Normally you would say it is demand, but because pretty much every commodity is getting hit

investors in a selling mood. Hasbro fell the most among stocks in the S&P 500 after the toy maker reported that sales of girls' toys and games dropped 28 percent in the third quarter. The stock lost \$5.60, or 7.2 percent, to \$72.18. Morgan



**Specialist James Sciulli, right, works with traders at his post on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. U.S. stocks mustered a slight gain in the final moments of trading on Monday, capping a day of listless action that had the market headed for a downbeat close.**

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

Five of the 10 sectors in the S&P 500 rose, led by consumer discretionary stocks, which gained 0.5 percent. The sector is up 9 percent this year.

Energy stocks fell the most, 1.9 percent. The sector is down about 15 percent this year, hurt by the slide in oil prices. Benchmark U.S. crude fell \$1.37 on Monday to close at \$45.89 a barrel in New York.

Shares in Exxon Mobil fell \$1.49, or 1.8 percent, to \$80.99, while Chevron slid \$1.26, or 1.4 percent, to \$90.03.

today. I relate that more to dollar strength." Investors are tuned into earnings as they hunt for insight into how the global economy is doing.

Roughly 57 percent of the companies in the S&P 500 index report earnings over the next two weeks. That works out to about 117 companies this week, including Verizon Communications, eBay, Caterpillar and Alphabet. Another 170 companies in the S&P 500 report earnings next week. Morgan Stanley and Hasbro's latest results put many

Stanley slumped 4.8 percent after reporting a sharp drop in quarterly earnings as the bank's bond trading business weakened. The stock fell \$1.63 to \$32.32.

Weight Watchers surged 105 percent on news that Oprah Winfrey is paying about \$43.2 million for a 10 percent stake in Weight Watchers and is joining the weight management company's board.

Winfrey also agreed to endorse the company's programs and services, and to help promote the company. □

## Hasbro stock falls as 3Q sales of girls' toys slip

**PAWTUCKET, R.I. (AP)** — Sales of girls' toys and games dropped in Hasbro's third quarter, sending the toy maker's shares down more than 7 percent in Monday afternoon trading.

Revenue for the Pawtucket, Rhode Island-based company totaled \$1.47 billion, narrowly beating the \$1.46 billion that six analysts surveyed by Zacks Invest-

ment Research predicted. But sales of girls' toys tumbled 28 percent in the quarter, as Furby sales continued to weaken. Sales of games dropped 8 percent on weak sales of Magic: The Gathering and several other games.

The boys' category experienced strong growth, with sales up 24 percent. This was due partly to the launch of toys tied to the

upcoming "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" movie. The category also benefited from increased sales of Nerf products and sales of "Jurassic World" products. For the period ended Sept. 27, Hasbro Inc. earned \$207.6 million, or \$1.64 per share, down from \$180.5 million, or \$1.40 per share, a year ago.

Earnings, adjusted for non-recurring gains, were \$1.58

per share. That surpassed Wall Street expectations.

The average estimate of seven analysts surveyed by Zacks Investment Research was for earnings of \$1.51 per share.

The company's stock declined \$6.08, or 7.8 percent, to \$71.70 in afternoon trading. Its shares are up almost 30 percent so far this year. □

## United to offer plan after CEO's hospitalization

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AP Airlines Writer

**DALLAS (AP)** — United Airlines is preparing to release details about how it plans to move forward during the hospitalization of its new CEO, Oscar Munoz.

In a brief statement Monday, Chairman Henry Meyer III said the board would finish a corporate-governance review and would likely say more in the next day or two. United provided no additional information about Munoz's condition.

Munoz, 56, became CEO in early September after Jeff Smisek abruptly stepped down amid a federal investigation.

Munoz vowed that he would deal with customer-service issues and other problems at the world's second-biggest airline. He was admitted to a hospital on Thursday. The company disclosed his hospitalization on Friday after The Wall Street Journal reported that he had suffered a heart attack, and shares fell 3 percent.

In Monday afternoon trading, shares of United Continental Holdings Inc. rose 62 cents, or 1.1 percent, to \$56.59.

Publicly traded companies must disclose when there is a change in CEOs, but there is no legal requirement to disclose a health setback or hospitalization of a top executive. "It's a judgment call," said Donna Dabney, executive director of The Conference Board, a business group that does research on management and other corporate topics. "Corporate governance usually goes beyond what the minimum legal requirements are."

Companies have tilted toward more disclosure ever since Apple Inc. was criticized for failing to provide more information about CEO Steve Jobs' pancreatic cancer, Dabney said. However, she said, boards are reluctant to comment if they believe they don't know all the facts about a situation, such as the extent of a CEO's health problems. □

## Morgan Stanley's earnings are hit by bond trading slump

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**AP Business Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Turbulence in global markets hit Morgan Stanley's business particularly hard in the third quarter, sending the bank's earnings down 42 percent, well short of analysts' estimates.

The New York-based investment bank and wealth advisory firm earned \$939 million after payments to

preferred shareholders for the three-month period ending in September, the bank said Monday, compared with \$1.63 billion a year earlier.

On a per-share basis, the bank earned 48 cents per share, compared with 84 cents a year earlier. That was far below the 67 cents per share that analysts were looking for, according to FactSet.

The jolt in financial markets last quarter caused the major U.S. banks to report drops in quarterly earnings, but the disruption seemed to impact Morgan Stanley more than its peers. The bank's institutional securities division, which includes Morgan Stanley's investment banking and trading operations, had net income of \$688 million in the quarter, down by nearly

half from \$1.2 billion a year earlier.

Most of that drop could be attributed to the bank's bond trading operations, which had net revenue of \$583 million versus \$997 million the year before. Corporate bond underwriting was also down.

"The volatility in global markets in the third quarter led to a difficult environment," James Gorman, Morgan

Stanley's chairman and CEO, said in a statement.

In a conference call with investors, Gorman noted that last quarter was the worst quarter for Morgan Stanley's fixed-income business since the financial crisis. The bank set aside \$3.4 billion for employee compensation this quarter, down from \$4.2 billion a year earlier, as a result of the struggling markets. □

## Oprah Winfrey goes on diet, gains Weight Watchers deal

**JOSEPH PISANI**

**AP Business Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Oprah Winfrey, who has publicly struggled with her weight for decades, is going on a diet again. But this time she stands to gain a lot of money from her efforts.

Weight Watchers said Monday that it signed a five-year deal with the former talk show host. Winfrey, a co-owner of OWN: The Oprah Winfrey Network, is paying about \$43.2 million for a 10 percent stake in the weight loss company. The deal is already paying off: Weight Watchers shares more than doubled after the partnership was announced, earning Winfrey about \$45 million on paper. Winfrey will use the Weight Watchers mobile app and work with a personal coach, the company said. She has also agreed to let Weight Watchers use her name, image and likeness for its products and services. Additionally, she will make appearances on the company's behalf. The Weight Watchers endorsement is a departure for Winfrey. Throughout her talk show reign, Winfrey did not make money off endorsements, Garthwaite said. Since leaving the talk show, she has also lent her name to Starbucks Corp., which sells Oprah-branded tea drinks.

Winfrey is buying about 6.4 million shares of Weight Watchers at \$6.79 per share. She will also receive options to buy an additional 5 percent of the company's fully diluted shares. She is also joining the company's board.

Shares of New York-based Weight Watchers International Inc. soared \$7.13, or 105 percent, to close at \$13.92 Monday.

"Weight Watchers has given me the tools to begin to

make the lasting shift that I and so many of us who are struggling with weight have longed for," Winfrey said in a statement. "I believe in the program so much I decided to invest in the company and partner in its evolution."

Weight Watchers is no stranger to celebrities. It has paid singers Jessica Simpson and Jennifer Hudson to promote its plan. But the deal with Winfrey is a shift to focus on overall



**Oprah Winfrey is seen at The TimesCenter in New York. Weight Watchers announced Monday, Oct. 19, 2015, that Winfrey is taking an approximately 10 percent stake in Weight Watchers for about \$43.2 million and joining the weight management company's board.**

(Photo by Greg Allen/Invision/AP)

health and wellness, rather than just dropping pounds.

"We are expanding our purpose from focusing on weight loss alone to more broadly helping people lead a healthier, happier life," said Weight Watchers President and CEO Jim Chambers said in a statement.

The company has been hurt by the popularity of fitness trackers and other health apps. MyFitnessPal lets users track steps, workouts and the amount of calories they eat for free on its app. Buying a FitBit tracker unlocks similar free online tools. Weight Watchers charges for its online food tracking, and weekly meetings and weigh ins have been a hallmark of its plan. Its shares were down 73 percent for the year through Friday. The company's earnings have fallen every year since 2011. □

## Valeant tops Street 3Q forecasts, boosts outlook

The Associated Press

Valeant Pharmaceuticals posted better-than-expected third-quarter profits and raised its outlook for the year, but shares slid with the company under increasing pressure about its drug prices.

The company revealed last week that federal prosecutors have subpoenaed documents on its drug pricing and other policies.

The Laval, Quebec, company drew Congress' interest following its purchase of the life-saving heart drugs Nitropress and Isuprel. The

company, known for gobbling up smaller drugmakers to get their products and then slashing jobs and research programs, jacked up prices on drugs shortly after buying them from Marathon Pharmaceuticals in February, tripling one and raising the other sixfold.

Valeant earned \$49.5 million, or 14 cents per share. Earnings adjusted for one-time gains and costs were \$2.74 per share,

much better than the \$2.68 projected by analysts, according to a survey by Zacks Investment Research.

Revenue rose 36 percent to \$2.79 billion, also edging out expectations.

The company raised its fourth-quarter profit estimate to between \$4 and \$4.20 per share from prior guidance of \$3.98 to \$4.18. It now expects fourth-quarter revenue of between \$3.25 billion and \$3.45 billion, up from prior guidance of \$3.2 billion to \$3.4 billion. For the full-year, the company raised profit guidance to between \$11.67 and \$11.87 per share from \$11.50 to \$11.80 per share. It boosted its revenue out-

look to between \$11 billion and \$11.2 billion from \$10.7 billion to \$11.1 billion.

Shares of Valeant Pharmaceuticals International Inc. slid more than 7 percent, or \$13.73, to close at \$163.83. Shares hit an all-time high in August,

but have been in steep decline as scrutiny over the company's drug prices has increased.

S&P Capital kept its "Buy" rating on Valeant shares but slashed its 12-month price target on the stock to \$46 from \$234.

The company noted that

Valeant may sell its neuro and other portfolio, which had been the subject of its price increase strategy.

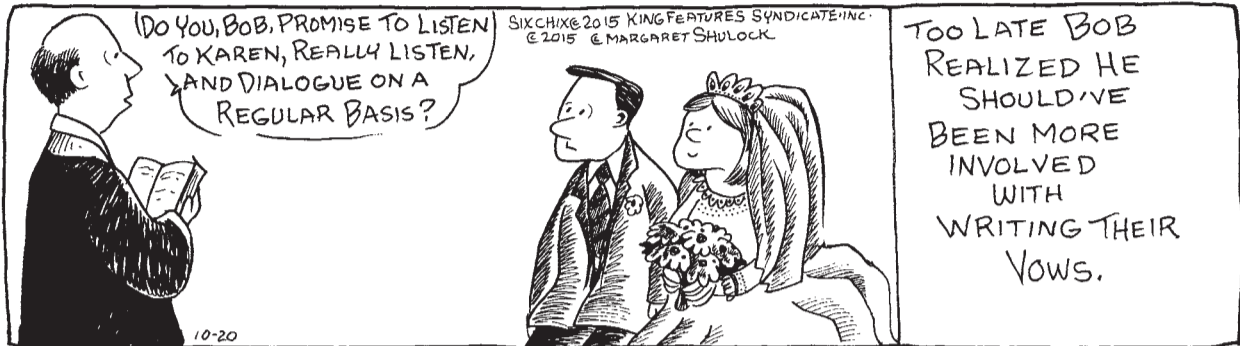
In a conference call Monday, executives addressed the pricing issue, saying the company will focus less on "mispriced" products as its portfolio shifts to newer and higher volume growth products.

Valeant's business model has historically involved acquiring drugs that it considers undervalued, or "mispriced," and then raising the price to what it determines is a proper value. □

## Mutts



## 6 Chix



## Blondie



## Mother Goose & Grimm



## Baby Blues



## Zits



## Conceptis Sudoku

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Difficulty Level ★★

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

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- Stadium
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- Hammerer's target
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- Bumbling
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- Driveway surface, often
- Promised
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- Handbill
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- Home video game console
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- Distant
- Spending plan
- Montgomery's state; abbr.
- Confused
- Battery size
- Not as harsh
- Nourished
- Sword handle
- Sat for an artist
- Capone and his namesakes
- Washing machine cycle
- Shindig
- Feature of a full bathroom
- Studious pupil
- Hot sauce
- Gehrig & Rawls
- Fisherman's hopes
- Chicken's pen
- Prefix for body or freeze
- Constructed
- Playwright
- Moss \_\_
- Pain in the neck
- Hint at
- Riles

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## Monday's Puzzle Solved

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- Astounds

- Abbr. in some school names
- Powerful storm
- Leaning
- Angry speech
- \_\_ out a living; get by
- Kathmandu native
- On edge
- Maimed
- Hideaway
- Not taped
- Snow toy
- Diving bird
- Arrange
- Glowing insect
- Wetland
- \_\_ vaccine; Salk's focus
- Graduate exams, often
- Ear buildup
- Once more
- Repasts
- Ohio or Oregon
- Evergreen tree
- Nip in the \_\_; stop early on
- Military award
- \_\_ Moines, IA
- Money put in one's account
- Small barbecue
- Courtyard
- Massage
- Jewish leader
- Delicious
- Swat
- Scoop holder
- Shacks
- Spill the beans
- Fly high
- Bottle stopper
- \_\_ for; selects
- Helpful hint

## Crackdown:

### Amazon sues to stop phony product reviews

MAE ANDERSON

AP Technology Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Amazon is stepping up its fight against bogus product reviews on its site, suing more than 1,000 people for allegedly offering to post glowing write-ups for as little as \$5 apiece.

The complaint, filed in state court in Seattle on Friday, takes aim at what is believed to be a burgeoning practice online: Some people try to make money by writing five-star testimonials about products they have never even tried. And some companies try to boost sales by commissioning such reviews.

Online shoppers are relying more and more on consumer reviews on everything from restaurant meals and Uber rides to hotel rooms and iPhone cases. About 45 percent of consumers consider product reviews when weighing an online purchase, according to Forrester Research.

Retailers have tried to crack down on paid-for bogus reviews in a variety of ways. Other sites that depend on customer-generated reviews, including Yelp and TripAdvisor, use computer algorithms and teams of investigators to detect fraudulent write-ups. In April, Amazon, the nation's largest online retailer, sued several sites that offered to produce positive reviews. In the latest lawsuit, the company is going after writers of the reviews themselves who have accounts on freelance marketplace Fiverr.com. The writers promise five-star reviews to companies that sell products on Amazon.com, according to the complaint. In many cases, the writers ask the sellers themselves to write the review, and then put their name on it, the lawsuit



An Amazon.com package awaits delivery from UPS in Palo Alto, Calif. Amazon is suing more than 1,000 people for advertising their services writing fake reviews for as little as \$5 as it seeks to crack down on bogus reviews on its site.

(AP Photo/Paul Sakuma)

alleges.

In one example, a Fiverr seller named "bess98" said she would provide an "awesome" review if the seller provided the text. Anyone who buys some-

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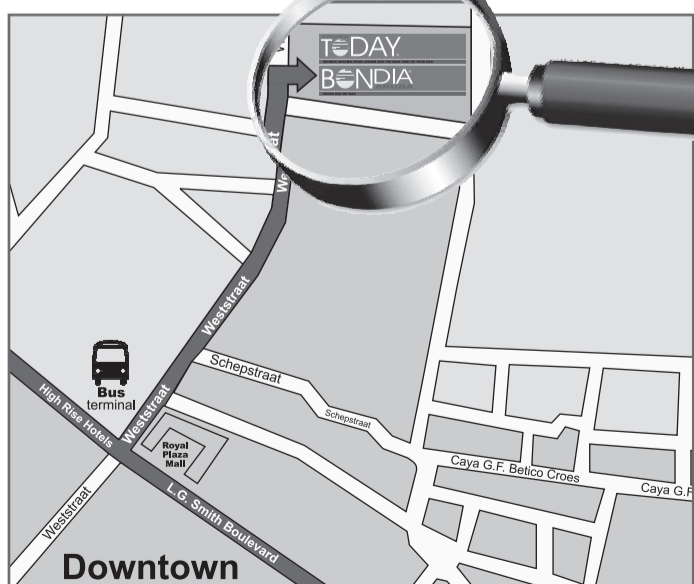


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## Rat race: NYC boost efforts to control rodent population

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**Associated Press**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — To many in New York City, the rats are winning.

The city's complaint hotline is on pace for a record year of rat calls, exceeding the more than 24,000 over each of the last two years. Blistering audits have faulted efforts to fight what one official called a "rat crisis." And even jaded New Yorkers were both disgusted and a little impressed by "Pizza Rat," the plucky rodent in a recent viral YouTube clip seen dragging a large cheese slice down a subway stairwell.

Nora Prentice, who lives on Manhattan's Upper West Side, has repeatedly complained to the city about a colony of about 200 rats in a neighborhood park.

"It's like the Burning Man of rats," she said. "They're just sitting there in a lawn chair waiting for you. . I don't know what the city can do about this rat condominium. It's really gross."

Prentice said that she avoids the area because of the rats and that complaints she filed with the city were closed after officials told her they were "working on the problem."

"It means you can't lay down and relax in that park," she said. "What kind of an answer is this?"

Such gripes have found an advocate in Comptroller Scott Stringer, the city's



In this Jan. 27, 2015, file photo, a rat crosses a Times Square subway platform in New York. Associated Press

top financial officer, who has taken on the self-appointed role of rat czar. In separate audits over the past two years, he has criticized the city's health department for not responding quickly enough to rat complaints, and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, which runs the subways, for not cleaning stations more regularly. Such breakdowns, he says, have allowed rats to thrive.

"I've seen rats walking upright, saying, 'Good morning, Mr. Comptroller,'" he said. "It's unsightly to see rats running through neighborhoods like they actually bought a co-op somewhere."

New York officials who have been fighting the

battle for decades say rising complaint numbers don't mean there are more rats, and they argue the rat population has actually been holding steady the past few years.

A Columbia University doctoral student using statistical analysis last year estimated the number of rats in the city at 2 million, claiming to debunk a popular theory that there is one rat for each of the city's 8.4 million people. But scientists and city officials say it's impossible to accurately estimate the number.

The spike in complaints of rat sightings and conditions attracting rodents is probably because garbage was left festering on sidewalks during last winter's large

snowfalls, and registering complaints is easier now with the city's 311 complaint line smartphone app, said Caroline Bragdon, a city's health department scientist and resident rat expert. Bragdon's team responds to such complaints, compiles a citywide "rat index" and inspects dozens of buildings each month. What started as a team of less than a dozen has now expanded to nearly 50 people, working with a nearly \$3 million annual budget to implement the latest push to control rodents.

Mayor Bill de Blasio's new "rat reservoir" plan targets communities with the highest number of rat complaints and seeks to dis-

mantle habitats and food sources. That effort includes setting traps, installing rodent-resistant trash cans and working on legislation that would require restaurants to hose away sludge from dripping garbage.

Every little bit helps, Bragdon said. Unlike the voracious Pizza Rat, she says, most rats need only an about an ounce (28 grams) of food and water daily to survive. "It's an apple core, it's a piece of a hotdog, a couple of chips. It's the crumbs," she said. "You'd much rather prevent rats from being here than treat them with poison after they're here."

City health inspectors regularly scour the city, poking into sewer grates and crawling under park foliage, searching for the signs many would never notice: tiny mounds of dirt that lead to an underground rat burrow, streaks in walls about an inch off the ground left by greasy fur, or tiny holes the critters can crawl through.

"Here's a big burrow, and it's fresh," Bragdon said during a recent inspection of a small park in Manhattan's Chinatown neighborhood, notorious for its rat problem. As she pointed to the hole, a furry little head popped out, revealing one of the newest generation of New York City rats.

Bragdon greeted it: "Hi, mister." □

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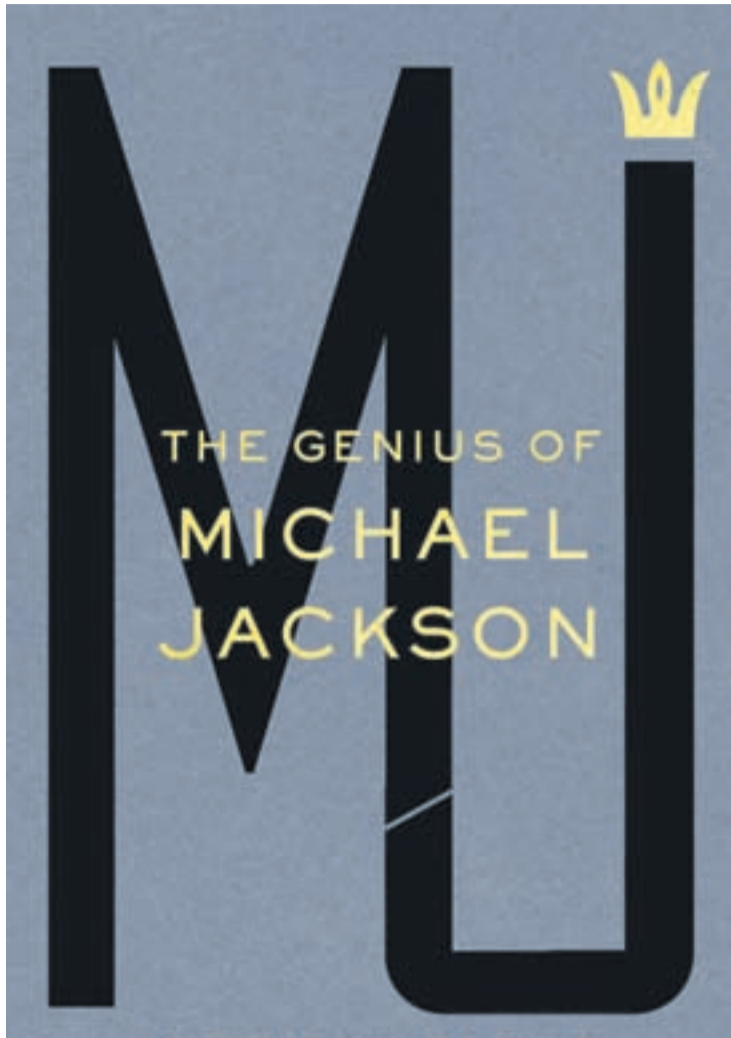
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## Superb new biography of the King of Pop



This photo provided by Scribner/Simon & Schuster shows the cover of the book, "MJ: The Genius of Michael Jackson," by author Steve Knopper

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Steve Knopper begins his superb biography of Michael Jackson with an anecdote about a protest against school integration in Jackson's hometown of Gary, Indiana, in 1927, more than three decades before the singer was born. Then he fast-forwards to 1995, when the self-proclaimed King of Pop is arguing with film director Rupert Wainwright about whether to use a giant statue of himself in the video for "History." Wainwright thinks it's a little grandiose; Jackson doesn't agree. "It had been 30 years since Michael had been the kid from the segregated Gary neighborhood who'd barely seen Chicago, much less the rest of the world," writes Knopper. "He'd spent his first five or six years on the planet with nothing but walls and boundaries, and by 1995 he wanted no limits at all. He refused to let race, gender, musical styles, family, even his own

facial structure constrict him. Every time somebody tried to define him, he literally shifted his shape." Knopper, a contributing editor to Rolling Stone, interviewed hundreds of people to write this fascinating, fair-minded account of Jackson's dazzling rise to the pinnacle of pop music and his ignominious fall. We learn the backstory of the moonwalk, the military jackets, white socks, glove, plastic surgery, skin whitening and more, all of it scrupulously documented with multiple sources. And while it's evident from the title, "MJ: The Genius of Michael Jackson," that Knopper is a fan, he neither mythologizes nor sensationalizes Jackson's indisputably weird life. The by-now familiar story begins in Gary in the early 1960s, when Jackson, a prodigy at age 6, starts performing with his older brothers as the Jackson 5 under the tyrannical supervision of their father. □

## Blake Shelton sues In Touch Weekly over rehab story

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AP Entertainment Writer

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Blake Shelton sued the tabloid magazine In Touch Weekly on Monday over a cover story claiming heavy drinking by the country music star contributed to his divorce from Miranda Lambert and that he was headed to rehab. Shelton's defamation lawsuit filed in Los Angeles County Superior Court seeks more than \$1 million in damages over the story that his lawyers say is false. The lawsuit against In Touch publisher, Bauer Publishing Co., contends the tabloid has repeatedly published false information about the singer and his breakup with Lambert.

"Blake Shelton has had enough," the lawsuit begins before refuting claims made in the article and laying out the Grammy-nominated singer's busy schedule. "Mr. Shelton is not in rehab and has no plans to go to rehab." An email sent to publicists for In Touch was not immediately returned. The lawsuit points out that Shelton continues to work as a judge on NBC's "The Voice" and on an upcoming greatest hits



In this June 26, 2015 file photo, singer-songwriter Blake Shelton performs on Day 1 of the 2015 Big Barrel Country Music Festival at The Woodlands in Dover, Del.

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album. In Touch published the story in late September that alleged Shelton was drinking heavily and that his actions contributed to the end of his marriage to Lambert. It previously published a story claiming Shelton had cheated on Lambert and that contributed to their divorce. The rehab cover story also proclaimed that Shelton had hit "rock bottom." "To be clear: Mr. Shelton

has not hit rock bottom," the lawsuit states. It accuses In Touch of publishing the story without reaching out to the singer's lawyers or other representatives. The lawsuit states Shelton, 39, has sought a retraction of the story but received no response. In addition to monetary damages, Shelton is seeking an injunction that would prevent In Touch from repeating allegations in the disputed story. □

## PBS' 'Finding Your Roots' returning in January



In this Nov. 14, 2014 file photo, Ben Affleck poses in the press room with the Hollywood film award for "Gone Girl" at the Hollywood Film Awards in Los Angeles.

**DAVID BAUDER**  
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**NEW YORK (AP)** — PBS'

popular "Finding Your Roots" series, temporarily shelved after an episode

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omitted references to the slaveholding past of Ben Affleck's ancestor at the actor's request, will return to public television for its third season in January. The show has hired a new fact-checker and two new genealogists as part of its reforms, said the network's Beth Hoppe on Monday. PBS had suspended the series after determining that the show's producers violated standards by allowing Affleck undue influence on its content and failing to inform the network of his request. □

## We will Rock U: Rock college takes root in Woodstock, NY

**MICHAEL HILL**

**Associated Press**

**WOODSTOCK, New York (AP)** — It's a syllabus you can head bang to.

Students at the Woodstock Music Lab will bend notes alongside guitar heroes, and jamming in class will be encouraged. Assignments will include recreating the Beach Boy's classic "Pet Sounds" note-for-note and making a progressive-rock album based on Egyptian mythology.

So it will go at the rock school for college-age students planned for the famous Catskill Mountains artists' colony in the coming years. Think Juilliard with power chords. Or, as co-founder Paul Green said, think of a "giant, fertile petri dish" where young guitarists, producers and arrangers rub shoulders with each other. "Odds are you can step out of the studio and say, 'I need a saxophone,' and some other kid here working on a jazz project will say, 'I'll be right down!'" Green said as he showed off the old elementary school that will become the school. "It gives you that sort of Abbey Road, Muscle Shoals, Motown sort of collective beehive."

Green is the voluble, veteran rock teacher often credited as being the inspiration



In this Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2015 photo, Paul Green, left, and Michael Lang pose at the former Zena Elementary School in Woodstock, N.Y.

for Jack Black's jet-fueled character in the 2003 movie "School of Rock," though the movie's writer has denied that. Among the other co-founders is Michael Lang, the promoter of the original 1969 Woodstock festival, which took place in a muddy field some 50 miles (80 kilometers) from here.

Their group has raised several million dollars and needs more than twice the amount. They hope to

open the school as early as next year, though Lang said that timetable is optimistic. They reached a milestone this summer by closing a \$1 million deal on a pale brick former elementary school a few miles from Woodstock's central village.

Walking through empty classrooms this week, Green and Lang described where performance spaces will be and how the gym with climbing ropes attached to the ceiling will

become a recording studio big enough for an orchestra. The school will offer a two-year program in which students will learn performing, production, arranging and marketing.

"We're really looking for people who want to get an education about the entire business," Lang said.

They are looking for talented college-age and post-college students. Metal heads, indie types and beat makers are all wel-

come. Everyone will take two instruments a semester, one the student chooses and the other chosen by faculty members. They will not grant degrees at first, but expect students will be able to earn college credits acceptable at other institutions.

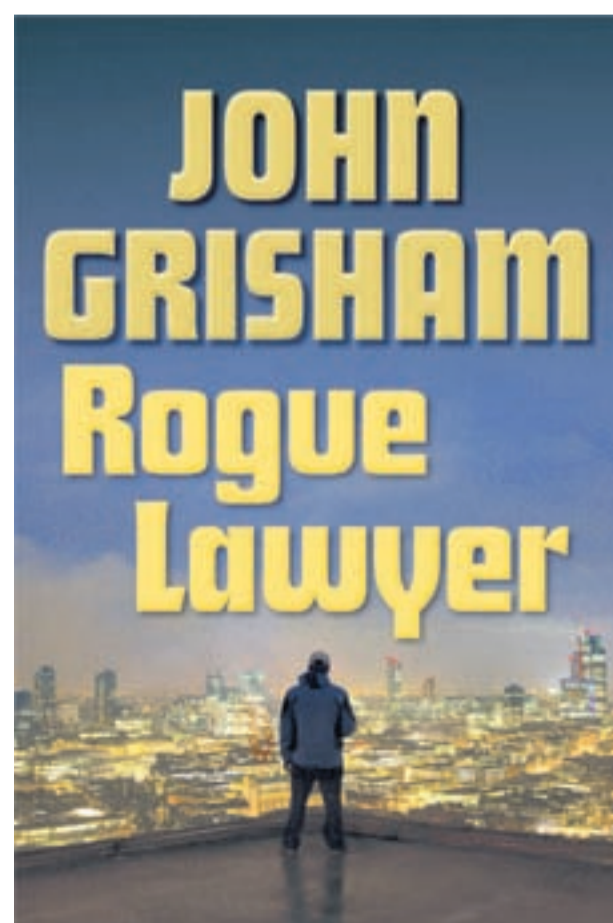
A big attraction will be guest professors. Green and Lang will use their music-world connections to bring in names, some who have homes in the woods around Woodstock. For now they're naming just a handful, such as former Yes singer Jon Anderson.

"You ever see the commercials for 'SportsCenter' with Grant Hill hanging out?" Green asked. "We want it to be like that."

Students also will get a dose of Green, who has been teaching younger students since he opened his first Paul Green School of Rock Music in 2000, later selling the chain in 2009.

He now runs the Paul Green Rock Academy, a one-story building outside of Woodstock with a pirate flag flying out front. On a busy day of after-school lessons, Green moved from room to room acting pretty much like a character that could be played by Jack Black, hugging and teasing students. □

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## Review: John Grisham returns with 'Rogue Lawyer'

**JEFF AYERS**

**Associated Press**

John Grisham's latest novel, "Rogue Lawyer," introduces Sebastian Rudd, a criminal defense attorney who takes on cases others want to avoid.

In the world that Grisham reveals from Rudd's perspective, he is fighting for his clients' lives while also battling corrupt police and court officials who would rather have closure than the truth. While his methods are sometimes unorthodox, and he doesn't have an official residence he can call his

office, saying Rudd is a rogue lawyer is a bit of a stretch. He's not really a scoundrel or dishonest.

The book opens with Rudd defending someone who appears to be guilty, but he knows otherwise. The evidence is either made up or circumstantial at best. He has witnesses who can place his client elsewhere at the time of the murder, but it's going to be a tough sell since his client's alibi involves testimony from street people and drug addicts. The jury has already made up its mind and is willing to do anything to put an innocent man on death row just to stop the proceedings.

Several other cases land in

Rudd's lap over the course of the novel, with some being quite personal and others tragic. He's going to have a difficult time providing justice the more he pushes.

The book's layout and the way in which the narrative flows give "Rogue Lawyer" the appearance of being several short stories crammed together. The last third of the book feels more like a standard novel when elements from previous sections are mentioned and become essential to the tale.

All the standard Grisham themes are in abundance, and Rudd's charm as the narrator should vault this book to the top of the best-seller lists. □

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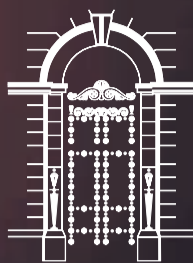
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